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Foreword

THE success of the first two of the PICTURE STORY SERIES; that is, the "Complete Old Testament Edition" and the "Complete Life of Christ Edition" of PICTURE STORIES FROM THE BIBLE was so great and unprecedented, that the publishers were encouraged to continue the series with this first of the PICTURE STORIES FROM AMERICAN HISTORY.

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In this the first of the HISTORY SERIES, you will read the stories of the daring explorers who sailed out on uncharted seas to discover a new trade route to the riches and commerce of India and China—not knowing that in so doing, they would discover a new world—that on this hemisphere, several centuries later, would be carved out a new nation, the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, to whose shores would flock freedom loving people from all the continents of the world!

The remaining three parts of PICTURE STORIES FROM AMERICAN HISTORY will tell the stories of the intrepid men and women who came to this land

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MEN MADE DARING VOYAGES ON UNCHARTED WATERS, UNAWARE THAT A NEW WORLD WAS WITHIN THEIR REACH.

THESE ARE THE STORIES OF THE EXPLORERS WHO CONTRIBUTED THEIR SHARE TO THE DISCOVERY OF A GREAT, NEW NATION. THEIR VOYAGES ARE THRILLING CHAPTERS IN HISTORY.

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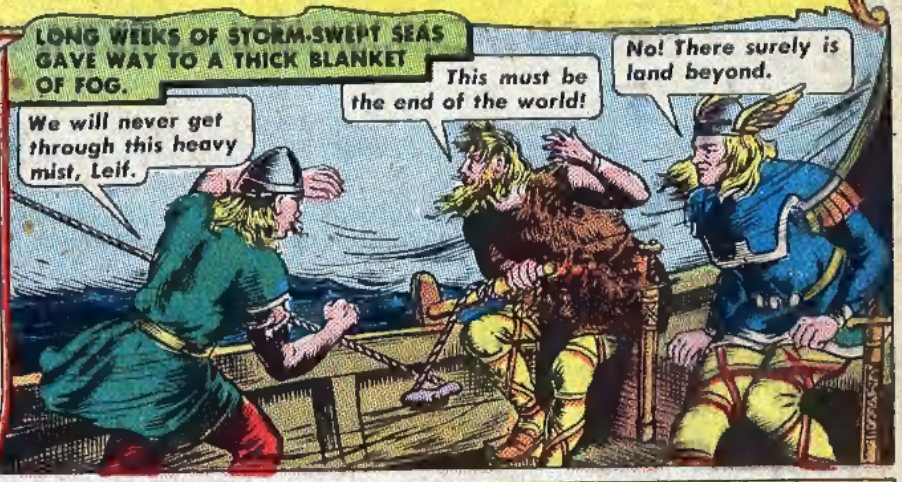
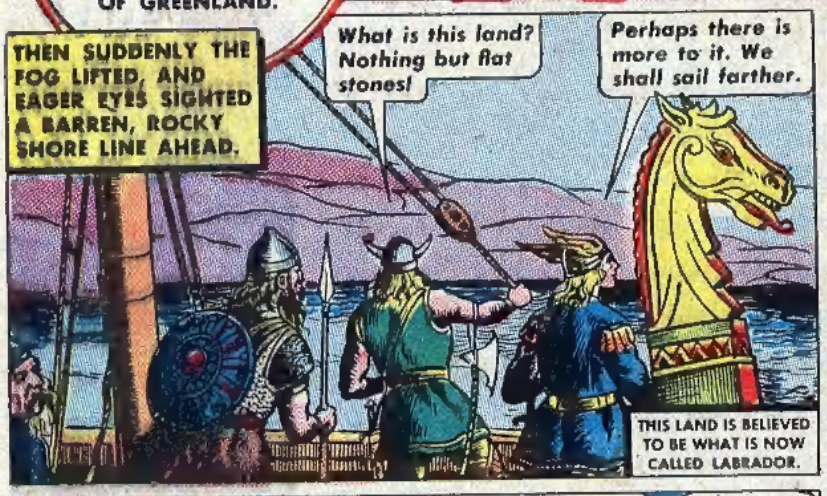
The Story of LEIF ERICSSON And THE NORSEMEN

BEFORE THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND, ERIC THE RED AND HIS FOLLOWERS LEFT THE SHORES OF NORWAY, SEEKING FREEDOM FROM THEIR DESPOT KING. THEY SETTLED ON ICELAND AND THEN GREENLAND...

LEIF, SON OF ERIC, GREW TO MANHOOD ON THESE SHORES. BUT LEIF BECAME RESTLESS, AND ONE DAY HE SET OUT IN HIS STURDY VIKING SHIP, TO EXPLORE THE LAND THAT LAY BEYOND THE SOUTH OF GREENLAND.

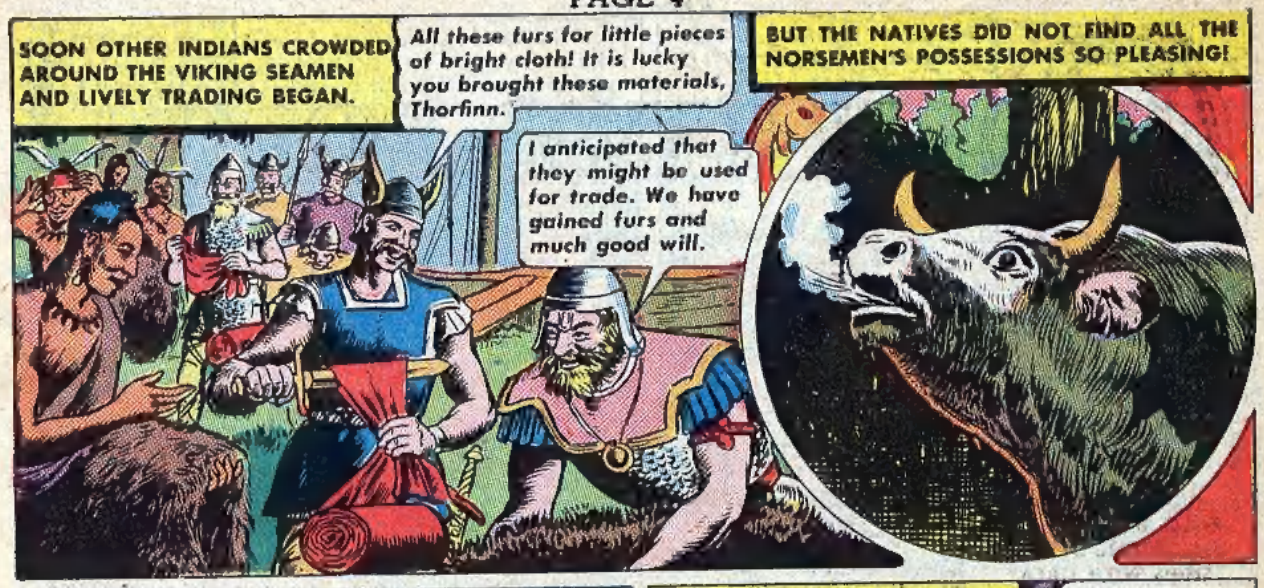


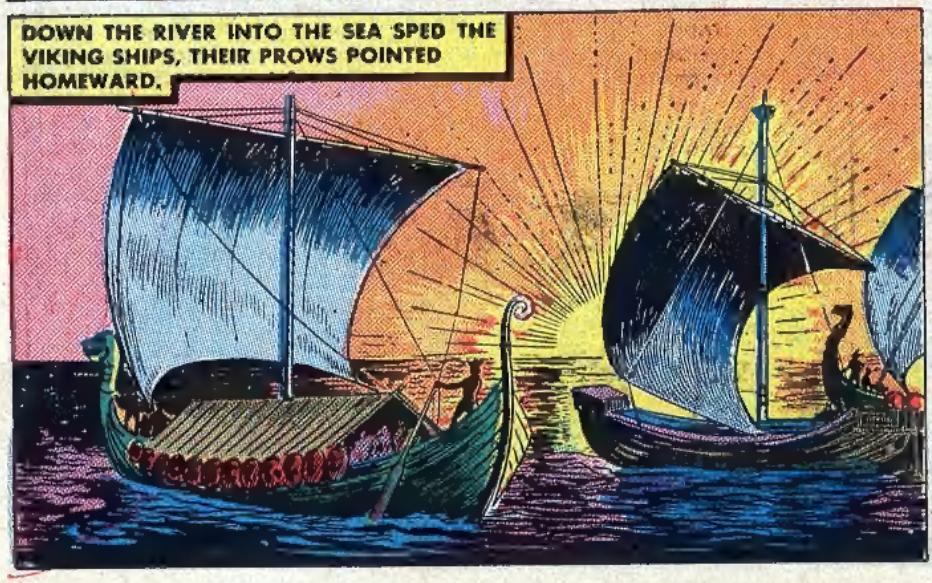


THE STORY OF LEIF'S VOYAGE CAUSED A GREAT STIR... NORSEMEN HUNG ON HIS EVERY WORD. BUT TWO OF LEIF'S MOST ENTHUSIASTIC LISTENERS WERE HIS OWN BROTHERS, THORVALD AND THORSTEIN.
THORVALD BECAME SO FIRED WITH ADVENTURE THAT HE BORROWED LEIF'S SHIP AND SAILED FOR VINLAND...

DESPITE THIS TRAGIC OCCURRENCE, THORSTEIN SET OUT FOR VINLAND, BUT DIED EN ROUTE . . . AND HIS SHIP TURNED BACK HOME . . .

SEVERAL YEARS LATER, ANOTHER NORSEMAN, THORFINN KARLSEFNI INTENT UPON FOUNDING A COLONY, EMBARKED FOR VINLAND WITH A LARGE CREW, A NUMBER OF WOMEN, AND A CARGO OF CATTLE.





AFTER THIS DISASTER LEIF ERICSSON NO LONGER ENCOURAGED HIS COUNTRYMEN TO ATTEMPT COLONIZATION OF VINLAND... AND AFTER A FEW YEARS NO FURTHER VOYAGES WERE MADE.

NO EXPLORER CAME NEAR THE WESTERN WORLD AGAIN FOR ALMOST 500 YEARS... NOT UNTIL CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS.

BUT THAT IS ANOTHER STORY... WITH MANY EXCITING ADVENTURES THAT CAME BEFORE...

The Story of MARCO POLO

1254-1324

IN THE MIDDLE OF THE 13TH CENTURY, SHIPS WERE RETURNING TO VENICE, ITALY, LADEN WITH SILKS, SPICES AND PRECIOUS GEMS. YOUNG MARCO POLO WATCHED THE UNLOADING OF THESE SHIPS WITH GREAT INTEREST.

Have you had word from my father and uncle?

No, my lad.

It is almost 15 years since they set out for the Far East. That is a long time, Marco.

No sailor has ever returned from such a journey.

We only venture as far as Arabia to meet the overland caravans that bring us rich goods.

I am sure they will return some day!

WEEKS LATER, AS MARCO ROAMED ABOUT THE DOCKS . . .

You were really in Cathay? No traveller has been there before!

We were there! It is a fabulously rich land!

CATHAY IS NOW KNOWN AS CHINA.

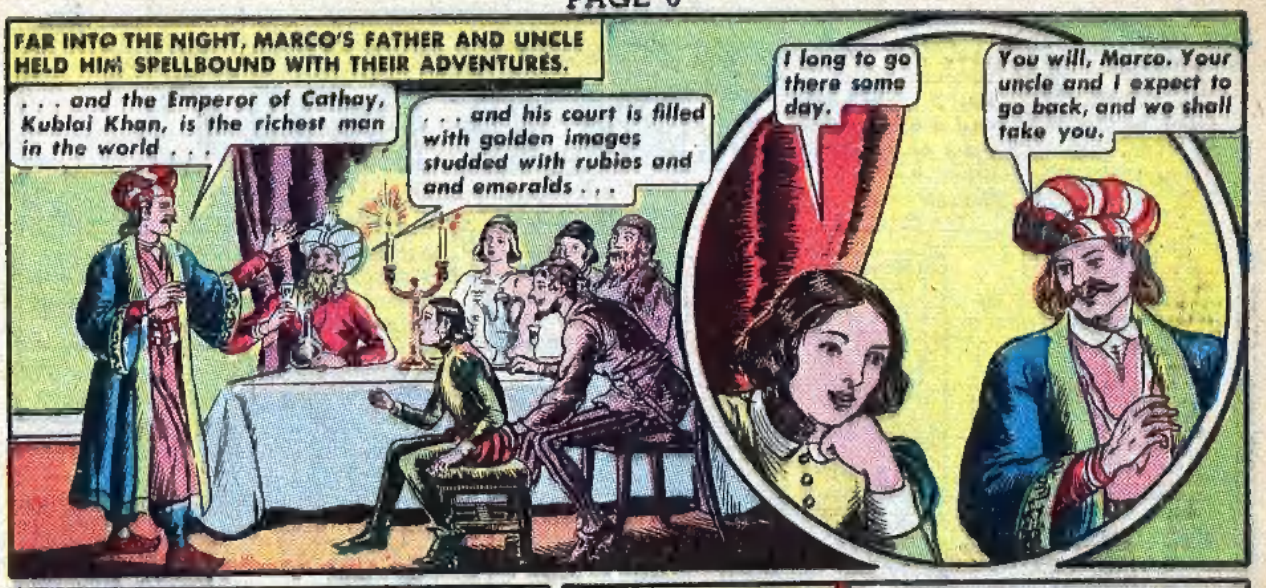
Who speaks of such riches?

Two travellers have just returned from a great far-off land called Cathay. They were gone 15 years!

MARCO HAD HEARD ENOUGH!

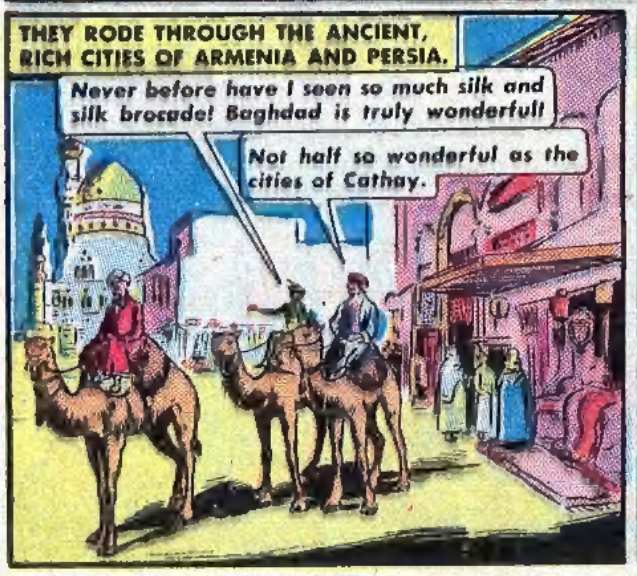
Sir, you must be my father!

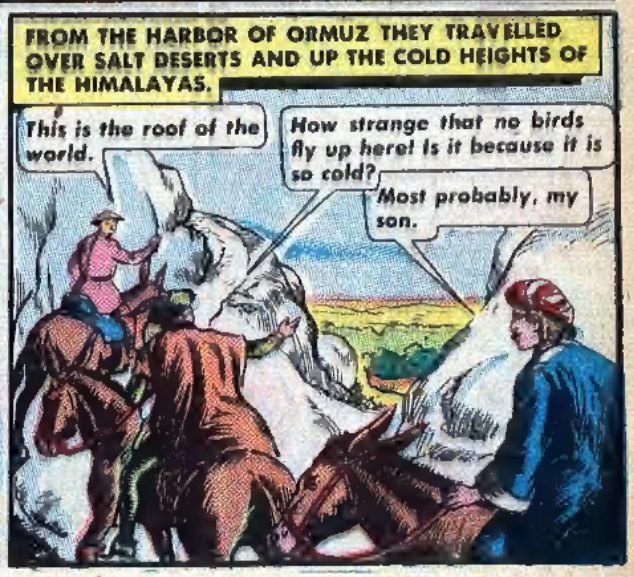
Can this be my Marco, grown so tall?

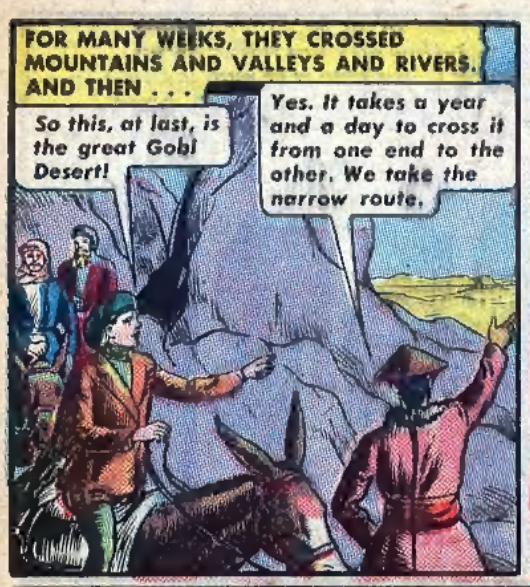

FAR INTO THE NIGHT, MARCO'S FATHER AND UNCLE HELD HIM SPELLBOUND WITH THEIR ADVENTURES.
. . . and the Emperor of Cathay, Kublai Khan, is the richest man in the world . . .
. . . and his court is filled with golden images studded with rubies and and emeralds . . .
I long to go there some day.
You will, Marco. Your uncle and I expect to go back, and we shall take you.

IN THE YEAR 1271, AN EXCITED MARCO SAILED OUT OF THE HARBOR OF VENICE.
How soon do we reach the land of the Great Khan?
Perhaps months . . . perhaps years . .

DOWN THE ADRIATIC AND ACROSS THE MEDITERRANEAN THEY TRAVELLED . . . TO THE SANDY SHORES OF ARABIA.
We must journey most of the way on land.


THEY RODE THROUGH THE ANCIENT, RICH CITIES OF ARMENIA AND PERSIA.
Never before have I seen so much silk and silk brocade! Baghdad is truly wonderful!
Not half so wonderful as the cities of Cathay.


FROM THE HARBOR OF ORMUZ THEY TRAVELLED OVER SALT DESERTS AND UP THE COLD HEIGHTS OF THE HIMALAYAS.
This is the roof of the world.
How strange that no birds fly up here! Is it because it is so cold?
Most probably, my son.


FOR MANY WEEKS, THEY CROSSED MOUNTAINS AND VALLEYS AND RIVERS. AND THEN . . .
So this, at last, is the great Gobi Desert!
Yes. It takes a year and a day to cross it from one end to the other. We take the narrow route.

THE UNDAUNTED POLOS PLODDED THROUGH OCEANS OF SAND.
My throat is parched!
It is so long from one oasis to another.

AFTER A MONTH OF DESERT TRAVEL . . .
They are roving Tatars, like myself. The Great Kublai Khan rules over us.
Are we now in his domains? Then we must be nearing Cathay!

FINALLY, AFTER THREE YEARS OF TRAVEL, THE POLOS RODE INTO CATHAY!
Look! What a splendid palace! All gilt and vermilion!
The Palace! Ho! Ho! This is only one of the thousands of messenger post-stations belonging to the Great Khan! We ride on!

There! This is the palace! You like it, Marco?
Nothing could be more wonderful! It is all marble and gold and crystal! Such a myriad of colors!

..UBLAI KHAN WELCOMED THE TRAVELLERS.
. . . and you shall be my guests for as long as you wish.
Thank you, Great Khan.
His robe is of pure beaten gold and emeralds!
A jewelled falcon!
Your son is absorbed in my treasures.
Marco is very observant. He misses nothing, Sire. You should listen to his vivid descriptions of places he has seen!
An excellent trait! Perhaps we can train him to be one of my ambassadors? I need a keen observer to be my eyes and ears in surrounding countries.
You will find Marco an apt pupil, Sire.
AND SO FOR 17 YEARS, MARCO SERVED AS KUBLAI KHAN'S AMBASSADOR, VISITING MORE COUNTRIES THAN ANY OTHER MAN IN THE WORLD.
AS A REWARD, THE MIGHTY EMPEROR LAVISHED GREAT WEALTH UPON HIM . . . DESPITE THESE LUXURIES, THE POLOS GREW RESTLESS FOR HOME.
Great Khan, we long to see Venice again.
I need you, Marco. Nothing can persuade me to let you go. The Polos now belong in Cathay.
That picture of Venice is small comfort, Marco.
Ah, me! We shall never set foot in Venice again!

THEN ONE DAY, A GROUP OF AMBASSADORS ARRIVED IN THE COURT OF KUBLAI KHAN, THAT CHANGED THE FATE OF THE POLOS...

Great Khan! We bring you greetings and a few small gifts from the Ruler of Persia!

Rumor of the beauty of Princess Kukachin has reached the ears of the Great Khan of Persia. He asks the honor of her hand in marriage.

So it shall be! The Princess will make herself ready as early as possible... But how will she travel? The overland route is too dangerous...

...Perhaps by way of the Sea of India! Marco Polo knows those waters well. He could guide the travellers.

SO THE GREAT EMPEROR OF CATHAY WAS FORCED TO PART WITH MARCO.

The Princess' safe conduct to Persia is your responsibility!

I shall not fail you, Sire. Thank you again for permitting us to go home to Venice from there.

THE POLOS' WATER-ROUTE HOME OPENED THEIR EYES TO STILL MORE AMAZING WEALTH. THEY SAW THOUSANDS OF SHIPS LADEN WITH PRECIOUS GEMS, IVORY, SILKS AND SPICES. MOST OF THIS RICH CARGO CAME FROM THE COLORFUL COUNTRY OF INDIA ... INDIA, WHICH WOULD ONE DAY SOON STIR THE IMAGINATION OF ALL OF EUROPE!

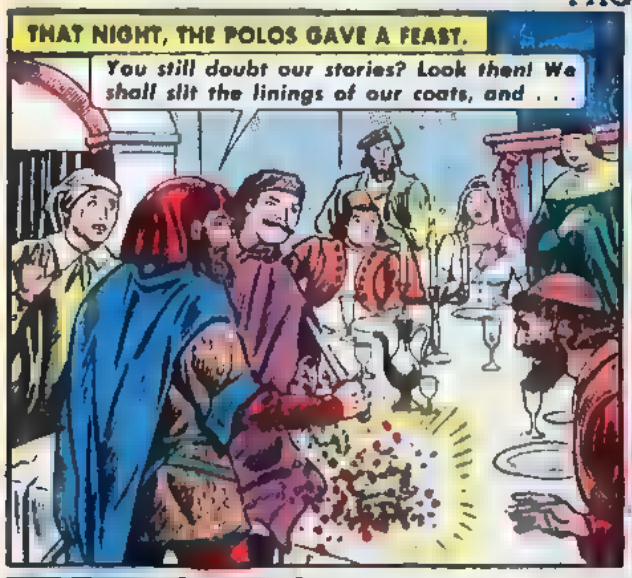
AFTER THE PRINCESS WAS DELIVERED SAFELY TO HER ROYAL BRIDEGROOM, THE POLOS CONTINUED ON AND REACHED VENICE 26 YEARS AFTER THEY SET SAIL FROM THEIR HOMELAND!

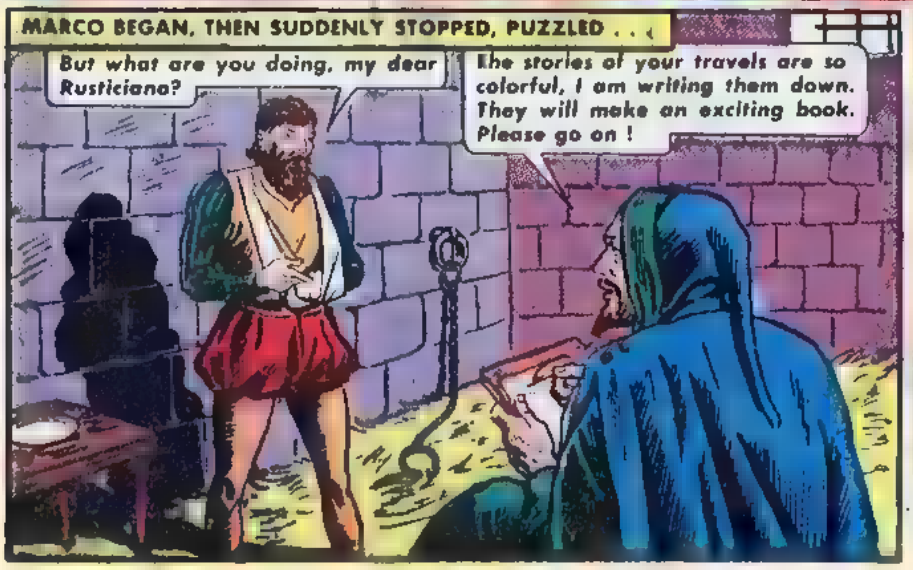
THE POLOS' TRAVELS TO AND FROM CATHAY.

Do you not remember us... the Polos?

The Polos were fine Venetian gentlemen. You are poor foreigners!

Poor! We will show them!





SO IT CAME ABOUT THAT LONG AFTER THE TWO PRISONERS WERE RELEASED, "THE BOOK OF SER MARCO POLO" WAS SPREAD THROUGHOUT EUROPE . . .

TO BRING BACK THE VAST TREASURES OF INDIA AND CATHAY BECAME THE DREAM OF OTHER GREAT ADVENTURERS . . .

IT WAS MORE THAN A HUNDRED YEARS AFTER THE FABULOUS JOURNEY OF THE POLOS THAT MARCO'S BOOK REACHED THE HANDS OF PRINCE HENRY, THE NAVIGATOR . . .

The Story of PRINCE HENRY

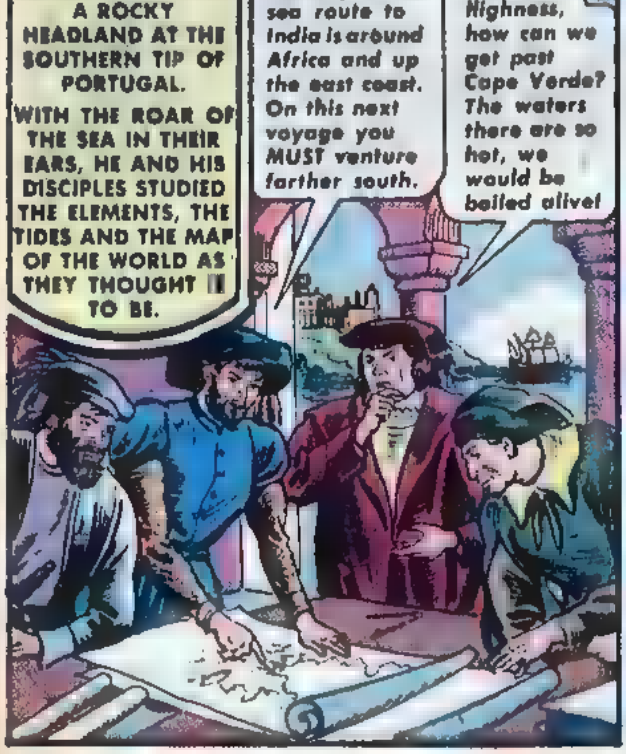
1394-1460

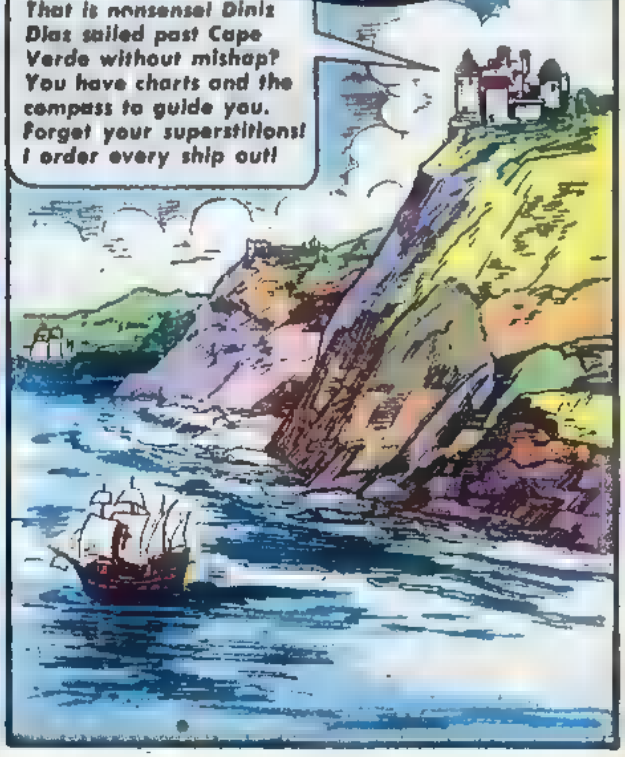
AT THE DAWN OF THE 15TH CENTURY, THE SEARCH FOR THE GREAT RICHES OF THE FAR EAST WAS CONTINUING AT FEVER PITCH. BUT MEN STILL TRAVELLED THE DANGEROUS OVERLAND ROUTE OF MARCO POLO.

THE SCHOLARLY PRINCE HENRY OF PORTUGAL BECAME IMBUED WITH THE IDEA OF FINDING ANOTHER ROUTE TO INDIA.

PRINCE HENRY RETIRED TO AN OBSERVATORY ON A ROCKY HEADLAND AT THE SOUTHERN TIP OF PORTUGAL.

WITH THE ROAR OF THE SEA IN THEIR EARS, HE AND HIS DISCIPLES STUDIED THE ELEMENTS, THE TIDES AND THE MAP OF THE WORLD AS THEY THOUGHT IT TO BE.





FOR MONTHS, THE PRINCE AWAITED THE RETURN OF HIS SHIPS . . . THEN ONE DAY . . .

You were right, your Highness! We sailed hundreds of miles into the great heat, and survived.

We have brought back ivory, gold and hundreds of black natives.

Good! You will go still farther south on your next trip.

YEARS WENT BY, BUT THOUGH SUPERSTITIOUS FEARS SUBSIDED, PROGRESS WAS SLOW IN THE STRANGE, NEW WATERS.

Since the Turks have captured Constantinople, a sea route is a necessity . . . I am growing old . . . I pray to live to see the day . . .

We shall do our best to achieve your desire.

PRINCE HENRY DIED, HIS AMBITION UNFULFILLED . . . BUT KING JOHN II CONTINUED TO ENCOURAGE THE QUEST FOR THE WATER ROUTE TO INDIA.

IN 1487 . . . TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS AFTER PRINCE HENRY'S DEATH . . . BARTHOLOMEW DIAZ ROUNDED THE AFRICAN CAPE AND SAILED UP THE EAST COAST FOR SEVERAL HUNDRED MILES.

We have made it! We shall keep on to India!

No! No! The storm is too much to bear!

Turn back, Bartholomew! We beg you!

DIAZ SAILED BACK, AND REPORTED HIS VOYAGE TO KING JOHN.

. . . and we christened it "The Cape of Storms"

Not such a name! It will prove discouraging to others. We shall call it, instead . . . THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.

AROUND THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE SAILED OTHER MARINERS, ALWAYS APPROACHING A LITTLE NEARER TO INDIA.

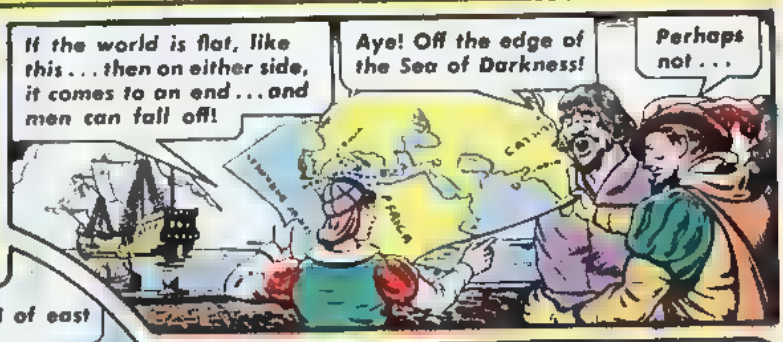
BUT WHILE THEIR COURSE BORE THEM ON THE LONG "AROUND-AFRICA" ROUTE, THE EYES OF ONE WHO WAS DESTINED TO CHANGE ALL OF HISTORY, LOOKED WESTWARD FOR A SHORTER ROUTE TO THE INDIES.

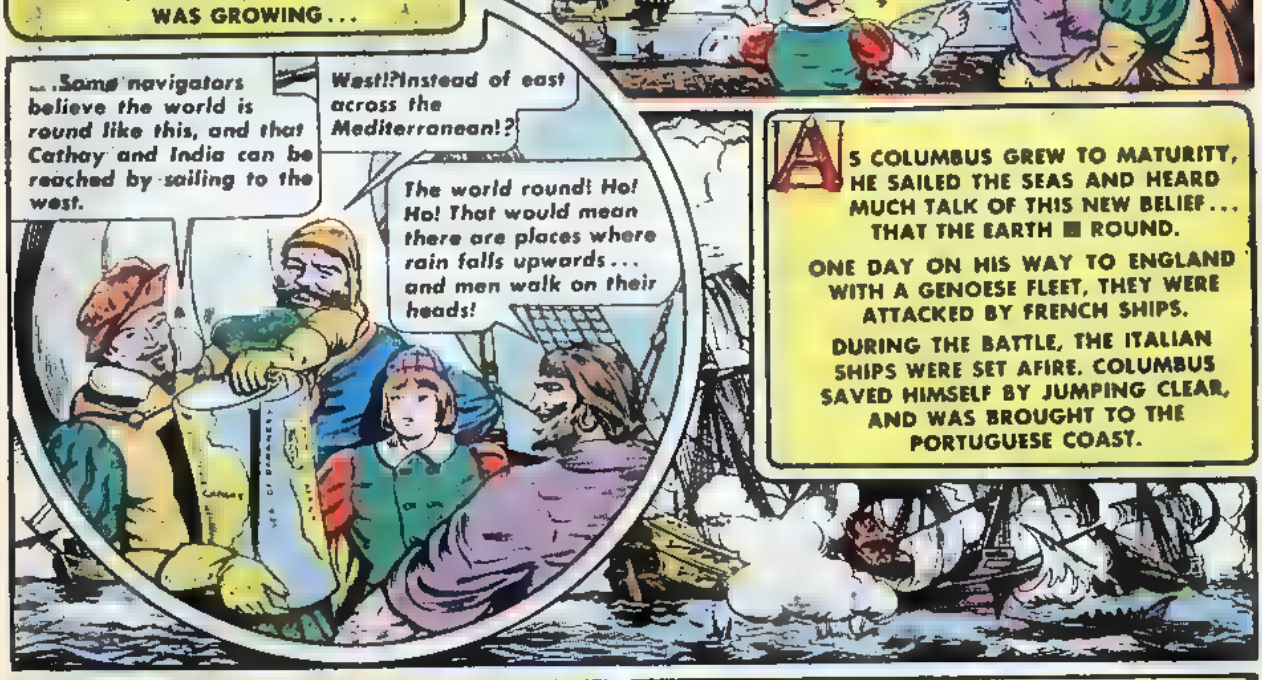
THAT ONE WAS COLUMBUS . . .

The Story of CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS

BORN IN GENOA, SON OF A POOR WEAVER, CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS... LIKE HIS FAMOUS PREDECESSOR, MARCO POLO... ROAMED THE DOCKS WATCHING RICH CARGOES UNLOAD.

BUT IN THE MIND OF THE BOY COLUMBUS, A NEW IDEA WAS GROWING...





AS COLUMBUS GREW TO MATURITY, HE SAILED THE SEAS AND HEARD MUCH TALK OF THIS NEW BELIEF... THAT THE EARTH ■ ROUND.

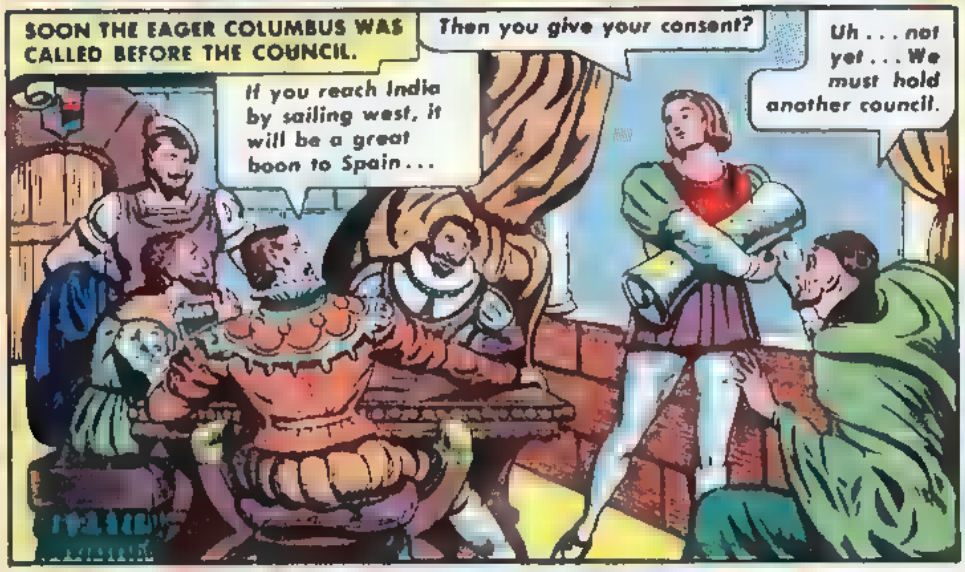
ONE DAY ON HIS WAY TO ENGLAND WITH A GENOESE FLEET, THEY WERE ATTACKED BY FRENCH SHIPS.

DURING THE BATTLE, THE ITALIAN SHIPS WERE SET AFIRE. COLUMBUS SAVED HIMSELF BY JUMPING CLEAR, AND WAS BROUGHT TO THE PORTUGUESE COAST.

GRATEFUL FOR HIS MIRACULOUS RESCUE, COLUMBUS ENTERED A CHAPEL.

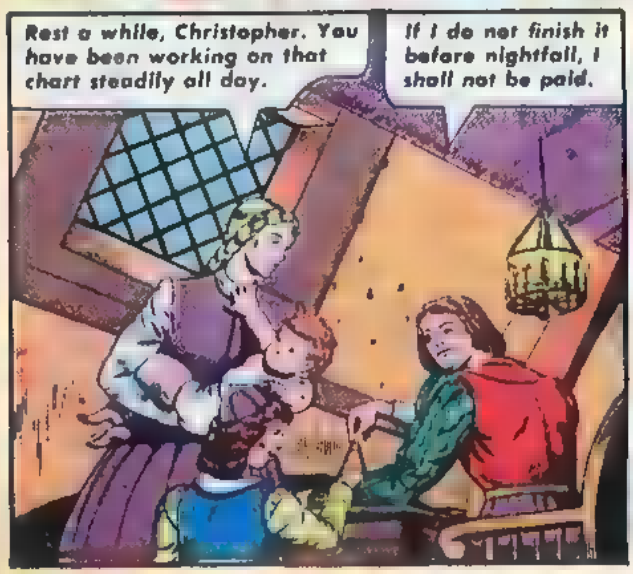
AS HE FINISHED HIS PRAYER AND STARTED TO WALK AWAY...

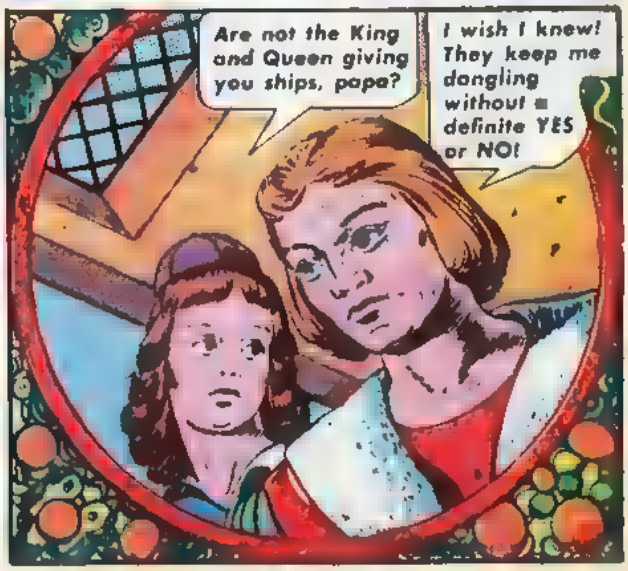
THIS CHANCE MEETING WITH THE LOVELY FELIPA WAS THE BEGINNING OF A LONG COURTSHIP. THE PAIR WERE MARRIED AND A SON WAS BORN TO THEM.
MEANWHILE, COLUMBUS' INTEREST IN SAILING WEST WAS STIMULATED FURTHER BY MARINE CHARTS LEFT BY FELIPA'S FATHER AT HIS DEATH.
These documents convince me more than ever that the world is round and that the west route across the Sea of Darkness leads to the riches of the Indies.
Your theory has great merit. I shall speak to my friends at court, and ask them to arrange an audience with King John.
Christopher will be so grateful, uncle!
How did it go at court today? Is everything arranged?
Not yet, Felipa. I thought surely today my appointment with the King would be confirmed. Perhaps tomorrow . . .
TOMORROW AND TOMORROW WAS THE HOPE UPON WHICH HE LIVED.
THOUGH HE LOST FELIPA, COLUMBUS REMAINED IN PORTUGAL, CONSTANTLY SEEKING NEW KNOWLEDGE OF THE SEA THAT LAY TO THE WEST, IMPATIENTLY WAITING FOR AN AUDIENCE WITH THE KING. AT LAST HE WAS SUMMONED TO COURT . . .
BUT ALAS . . . HIS CONFERENCE WAS VERY BRIEF!
But . . . but . . .
Off with you! His Majesty has had enough of your mad ideas and greedy demands!
The impudence! To ask for three ships, one tenth of the gold and jewels he finds, governorship of his discoveries . . . and rank of ADMIRAL OF THE OCEAN SEA!
COLUMBUS HAD HAD ENOUGH OF PORTUGAL. WITH HIS LITTLE SON, DIEGO, HE SET OUT FOR SPAIN, AND THROUGH THE HELP OF FRIENDS, WAS GRANTED AN AUDIENCE WITH KING FERDINAND AND QUEEN ISABELLA . . .



MORE DELAY!... AND AGAIN, ROMANCE ENTERED THE LIFE OF COLUMBUS. THIS TIME IT WAS THE LOVELY BEATRIX ENRIQUEZ.

THEIR SON, FERDINAND, IN LATER YEARS WAS TO WRITE THE STORY OF HIS FATHER'S LIFE, BUT NO ONE GUESSED AT THAT TIME THAT COLUMBUS WOULD BECOME FAMOUS ENOUGH FOR A BIOGRAPHY!

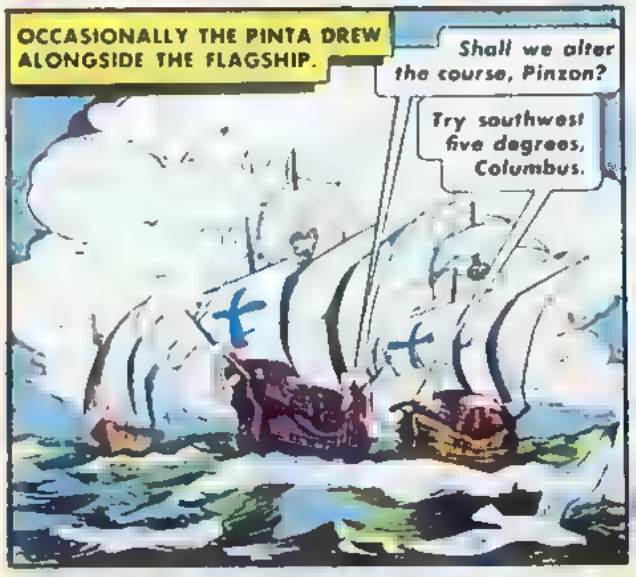




FINALLY, THE SPANISH COURT REJECTED HIS REQUEST. IN DESPAIR, COLUMBUS DECIDED TO GO TO FRANCE TO SEEK THE AID OF HIS BROTHER, BARTHOLOMEW.
I shall leave Diego at the Monastery of La Rabida, and then go on to Paris.
God speed you, Christopher!
AT THE MONASTERY, COLUMBUS POURED OUT HIS WOES TO THE KINDLY MONK, JUAN PEREZ
Perhaps it is not hopeless. I was once Confessor to the Queen. We are friends. Allow me to plead your cause.
AND AGAIN, DESPITE THE MONK'S INFLUENCE, COLUMBUS WAS REFUSED. HE SET OUT IMMEDIATELY FOR FRANCE, BUT HAD NOT GONE FAR, WHEN . . .
Ho, there! Señor Columbus! Come back! Her Majesty desires your presence at the palace at once!
AT LAST, ISABELLA HAD BEEN WON OVER! COLUMBUS IMMEDIATELY SENT FOR THE FAMOUS MARINER, MARTIN ALONSO PINZON
My friend, we sail as soon as my ships are ready. How many men can you gather from Palos?
I cannot say. They still fear the Sea of Darkness. We shall have to offer tempting terms. It may be necessary to release men from the prisons to make up our crew.
There they are . . . My three caravels . . . the Niña, the Pinta, and my flagship . . . the Santa Maria. You will command the Pinta, Señor Pinzon!
My brother, Vicente, has gone aboard with the charts.
ON THE NIGHT OF AUGUST 2, 1492, A DOUBTING CREW BOARDED THE SHIPS.
I do not want to go. The Sea of Darkness is no place for a human!
Stop grumbling! You have no choice. Either you sail or back to jail you go!

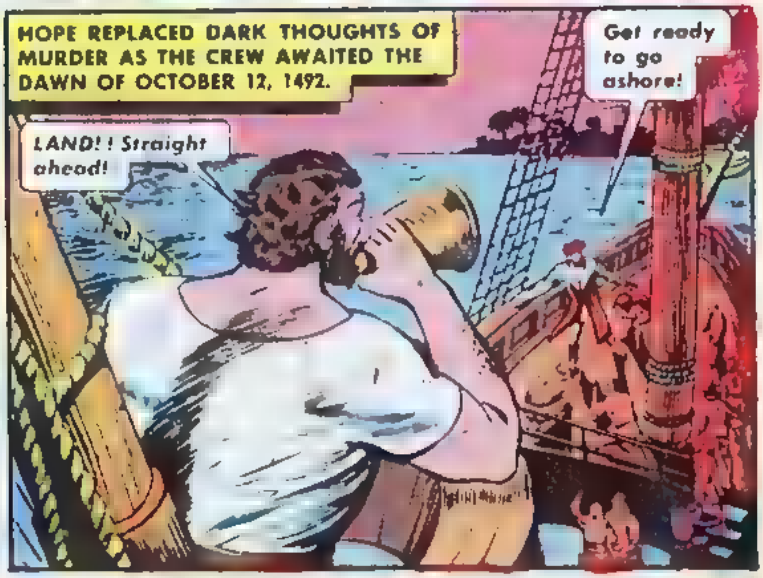
THE NEXT MORNING, THE THREE CARAVELS SAILED OUT ON THE GREATEST ADVENTURE ■ HISTORY!
They will never return from the Sea of Darkness.
Adios, papa!
The fools! They'll drop off the edge of the earth!

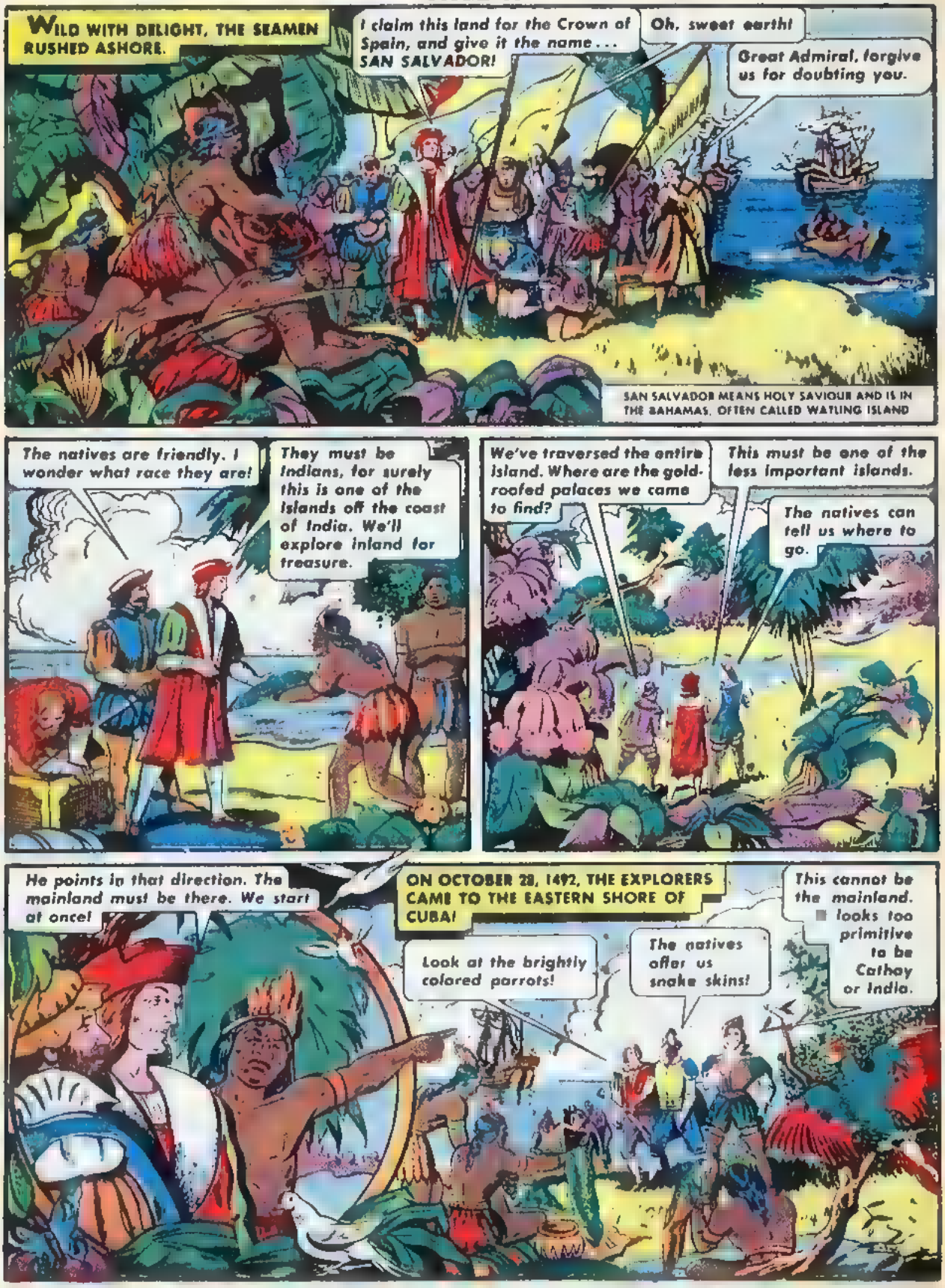
BEYOND THE CANARY ISLANDS, THE CREW SAW NO SIGN OF LAND FOR ENDLESS WEEKS.
■o! We are not giving up!
This is the end of the world! Turn back, Admiral! We beg you!

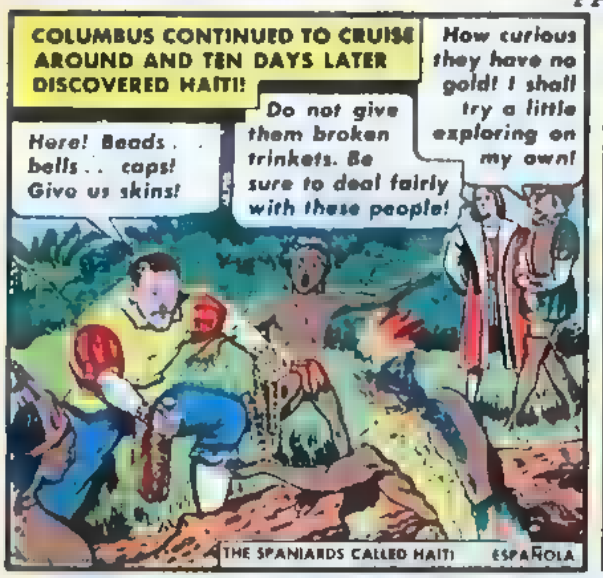

OCCASIONALLY THE PINTA DREW ALONGSIDE THE FLAGSHIP.
Shall we alter the course, Pinzon?
Try southwest five degrees, Columbus.

AFTER TWO MONTHS OF SAILING, FEAR TURNED TO DESPERATE FURY.
Now is the time to throw him overboard! Come on!
He'll never turn back. Our only chance is to kill him and go home ourselves.

SUDDENLY
Look! A light! It's moving! We must be nearing land!

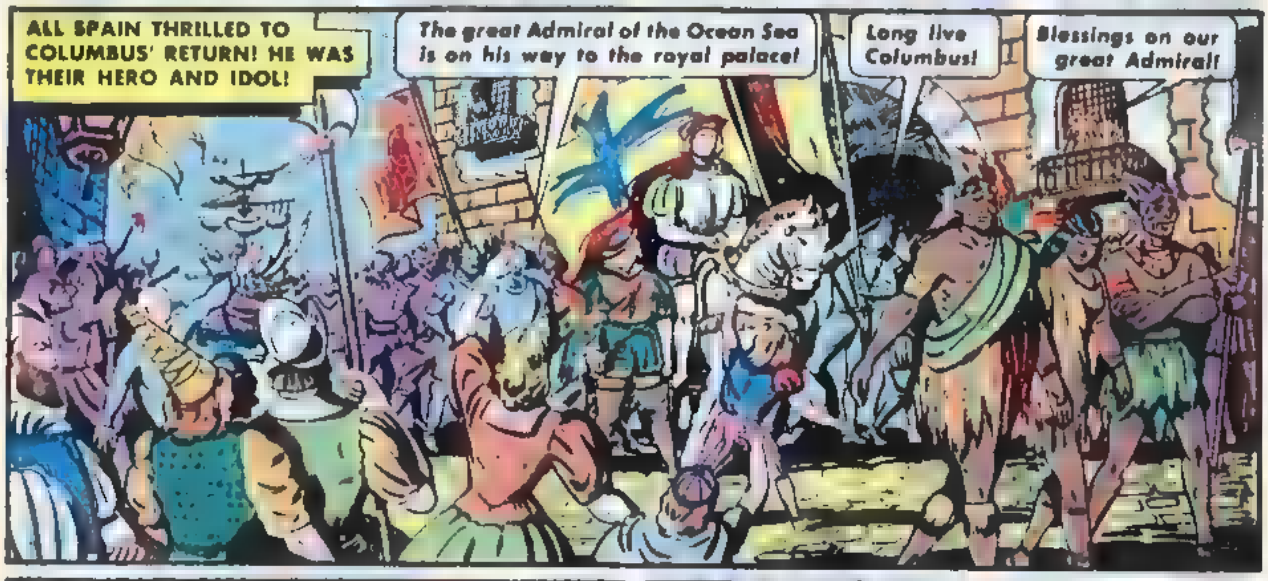

HOPE REPLACED DARK THOUGHTS OF MURDER AS THE CREW AWAITED THE DAWN OF OCTOBER 12, 1492.
Get ready to go ashore!
LAND! ! Straight ahead!


WILD WITH DELIGHT, THE SEAMEN RUSHED ASHORE.
I claim this land for the Crown of Spain, and give it the name... SAN SALVADOR!
Oh, sweet earth!
Great Admiral, forgive us for doubting you.
SAN SALVADOR MEANS HOLY SAVIOUR AND IS IN THE BAHAMAS, OFTEN CALLED WATLING ISLAND
The natives are friendly. I wonder what race they are!
They must be Indians, for surely this is one of the islands off the coast of India. We'll explore inland for treasure.
We've traversed the entire island. Where are the gold-roofed palaces we came to find?
This must be one of the less important islands.
The natives can tell us where to go.
He points in that direction. The mainland must be there. We start at once!
ON OCTOBER 28, 1492, THE EXPLORERS CAME TO THE EASTERN SHORE OF CUBA!
This cannot be the mainland. It looks too primitive to be Cathay or India.
Look at the brightly colored parrots!
The natives offer us snake skins!



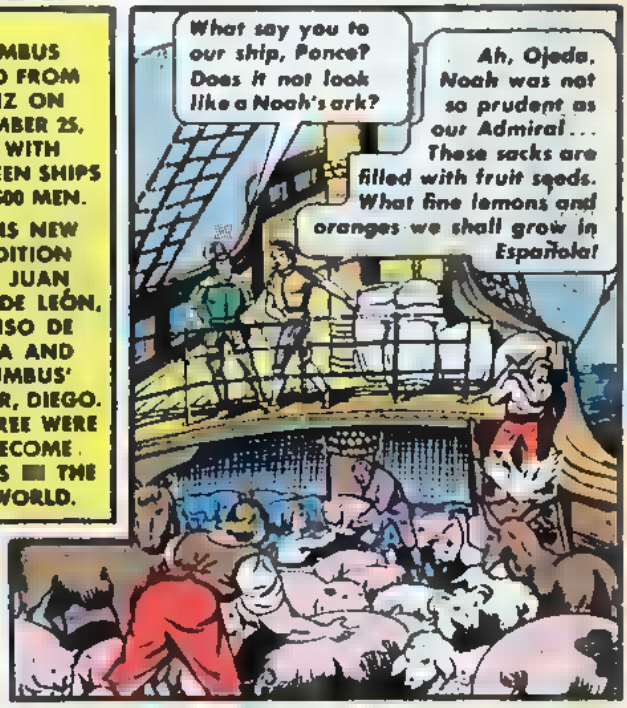
PINZON SAILED OFF IN THE PINTA, BUT FOUND NEITHER GOLD NOR THE MAINLAND. WHILE HE WAS GONE, THE SANTA MARIA WAS WRECKED, LEAVING ONLY THE NIÑA FOR COLUMBUS.

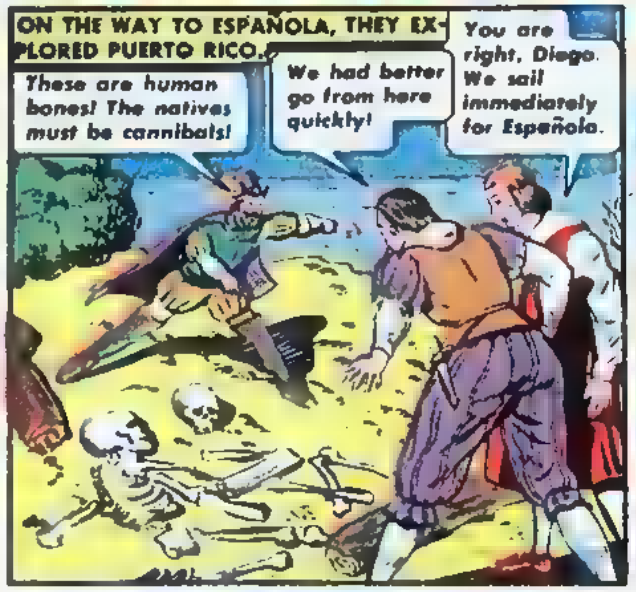
WHEN PINZON RETURNED, THE EXPEDITION IMMEDIATELY SET SAIL FOR SPAIN, LEAVING FORTY MEN BEHIND WITH PROVISIONS FOR A YEAR.

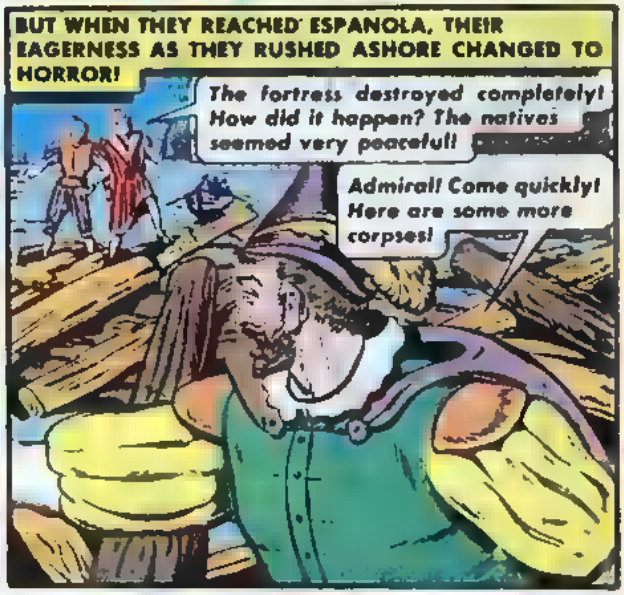


COLUMBUS SAILED FROM CADIZ ON SEPTEMBER 25, 1493 WITH SEVENTEEN SHIPS AND 1500 MEN.

IN THIS NEW EXPEDITION WERE JUAN PONCE DE LEÓN, ALONSO DE OJEDA AND COLUMBUS' BROTHER, DIEGO. ALL THREE WERE TO BECOME FAMOUS IN THE NEW WORLD.



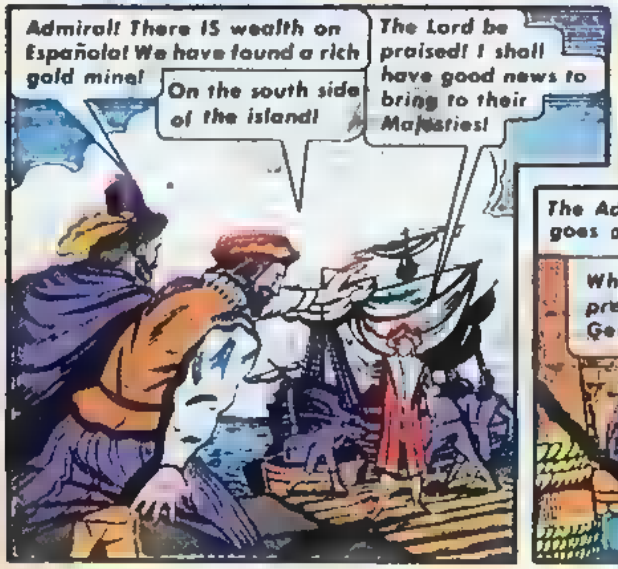


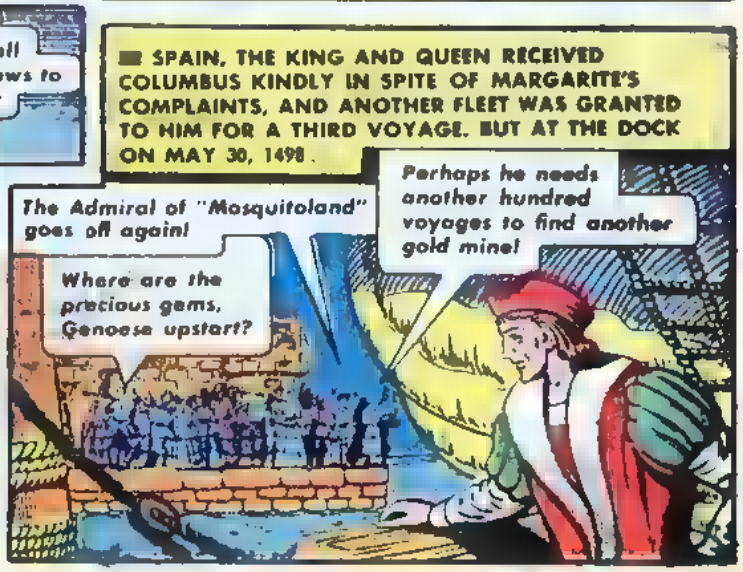


LONG AFTER THE DEPARTURE OF MARGARITE'S MUTINEERS, COLUMBUS RETURNED, ILL AND DISCOURAGED. HE HAD FOUND THE ISLAND OF JAMAICA BUT STILL NO TREASURES.

TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, HIS MEN HAD MISTREATED THE INDIANS. NOW HE HAD BOTH UNRULY WHITE MEN AND ANGRY RED MEN WITH WHOM TO DEAL.

THE ARRIVAL OF JUAN AGUADO TO INVESTIGATE THE CONFLICT IN THE COLONY, WAS THE FINAL BLOW TO COLUMBUS. HE APPOINTED HIS BROTHER, BARTHOLOMEW, AS GOVERNOR OF ESPAÑOLA AND PREPARED TO RETURN TO SPAIN WITH AGUADO TO MAKE HIS EXPLANATIONS.





ON THIS VOYAGE, COLUMBUS FOUND THE ISLAND OF TRINIDAD, AND THEN... ANOTHER IMPORTANT DISCOVERY WAS MADE!

This must be it! The mainland at last! I will show those jeering hoodlums!

This must be the Ganges River!

IT WAS A MAINLAND BUT NOT OF ASIA! IT WAS SOUTH AMERICA AND THE RIVER WAS THE ORINOCO!

FOLLOWING THE PEARL COAST, COLUMBUS SAILED TO ESPAÑOLA'S NEW PORT AT SANTO DOMINGO, NEAR THE GOLD MINE! BUT THE MOMENT HE ARRIVED...

Christopher Columbus, you are under arrest! I am Francisco de Bobadilla, the new governor here! Put him in irons!

This cannot be! Who appointed you? Where are my brothers?

COLUMBUS SOON JOINED HIS BROTHERS... [redacted] PRISON!

Some of Margarite's henchmen stirred up more trouble in Spain. Bobadilla was sent over to replace you.

I cannot believe that the Queen would turn against me.

She has. We are to be brought back to Spain... like this.

AND SO, ALONG THE STREETS WHERE COLUMBUS ONCE PROUDLY RODE IN GRAND PROCESSION, HE NOW WALKED... A BEATEN MAN!

What a pity!

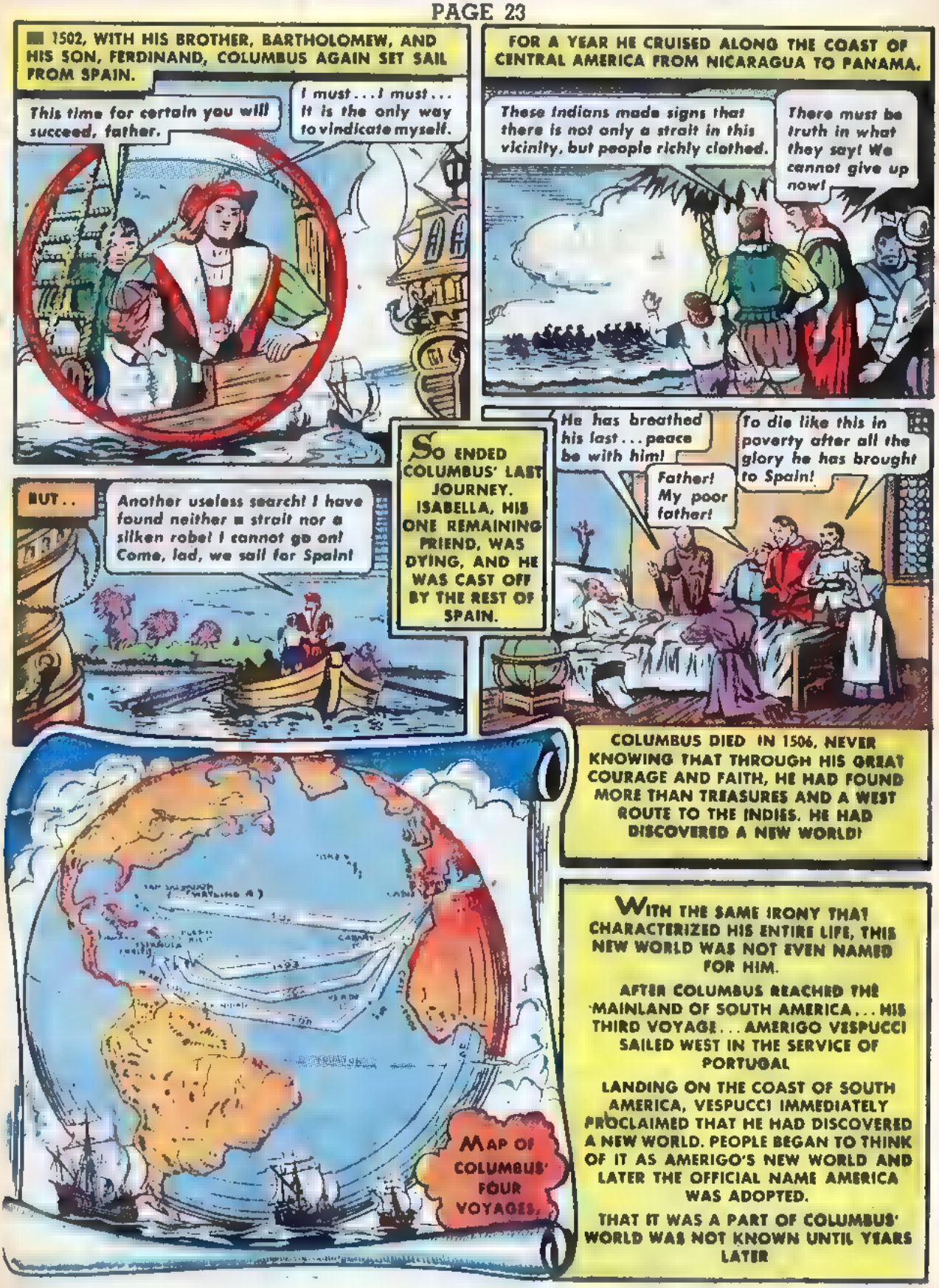
Despite everything, he does not deserve this.

[redacted]UT ISABELLA HAD NOT ORDERED THE ADMIRAL'S ARREST, NOR THAT OF HIS BROTHERS. BOBADILLO HAD FAR EXCEEDED HIS AUTHORITY COLUMBUS WAS SET FREE AND WAS RECEIVED WARMLY AT THE ROYAL PALACE

It was an outrage against you! Is there anything we can do to atone?

I knew you would not fail me! I pray you, grant me leave to make one more voyage..

...The Indians say that a strait runs through the mainland, which I have discovered. I have faith that this strait leads directly to the Indies. My one dream and hope is to explore it to its final destination!

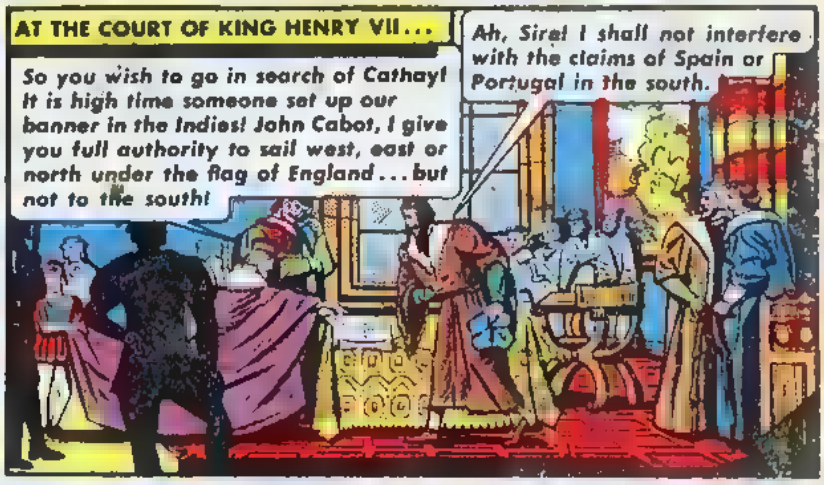

IN 1502, WITH HIS BROTHER, BARTHOLOMEW, AND HIS SON, FERDINAND, COLUMBUS AGAIN SET SAIL FROM SPAIN.
This time for certain you will succeed, father.
I must . . . I must . . . it is the only way to vindicate myself.
FOR A YEAR HE CRUISED ALONG THE COAST OF CENTRAL AMERICA FROM NICARAGUA TO PANAMA.
These Indians made signs that there is not only a strait in this vicinity, but people richly clothed.
There must be truth in what they say! We cannot give up now!
BUT . .
Another useless search! I have found neither a strait nor a silken robe! I cannot go on! Come, lad, we sail for Spain!
SO ENDED COLUMBUS' LAST JOURNEY. ISABELLA, HIS ONE REMAINING FRIEND, WAS DYING, AND HE WAS CAST OFF BY THE REST OF SPAIN.
He has breathed his last . . . peace be with him!
Father! My poor father!
To die like this in poverty after all the glory he has brought to Spain!
COLUMBUS DIED IN 1506, NEVER KNOWING THAT THROUGH HIS GREAT COURAGE AND FAITH, HE HAD FOUND MORE THAN TREASURES AND A WEST ROUTE TO THE INDIES. HE HAD DISCOVERED A NEW WORLD!
MAP OF COLUMBUS' FOUR VOYAGES.
WITH THE SAME IRONY THAT CHARACTERIZED HIS ENTIRE LIFE, THIS NEW WORLD WAS NOT EVEN NAMED FOR HIM.
AFTER COLUMBUS REACHED THE MAINLAND OF SOUTH AMERICA . . . HIS THIRD VOYAGE . . . AMERIGO VESPUCCI SAILED WEST IN THE SERVICE OF PORTUGAL
LANDING ON THE COAST OF SOUTH AMERICA, VESPUCCI IMMEDIATELY PROCLAIMED THAT HE HAD DISCOVERED A NEW WORLD. PEOPLE BEGAN TO THINK OF IT AS AMERIGO'S NEW WORLD AND LATER THE OFFICIAL NAME AMERICA WAS ADOPTED.
THAT IT WAS A PART OF COLUMBUS' WORLD WAS NOT KNOWN UNTIL YEARS LATER

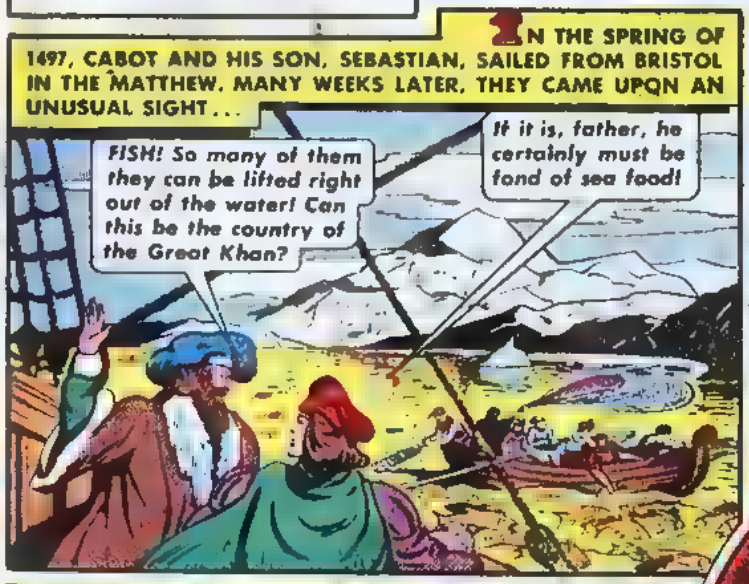
The Stories of JOHN CABOT and VASCO DA GAMA

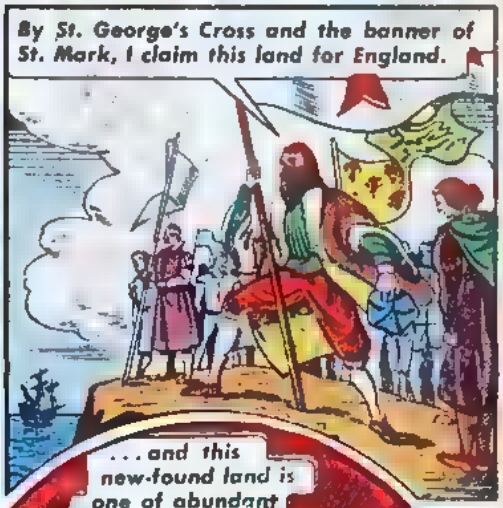
A YEAR BEFORE THE THIRD VOYAGE OF COLUMBUS, TWO EXPLORERS, WHO SAILED IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS, CONTRIBUTED THEIR SHARE TO THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD.

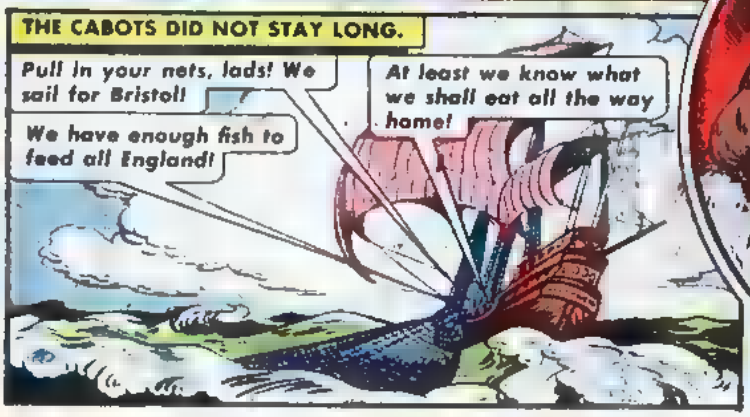
ONE WAS VASCO DA GAMA, WHO SOUGHT TO CARRY OUT PRINCE HENRY'S DREAM OF A WATER ROUTE TO INDIA, AROUND AFRICA.

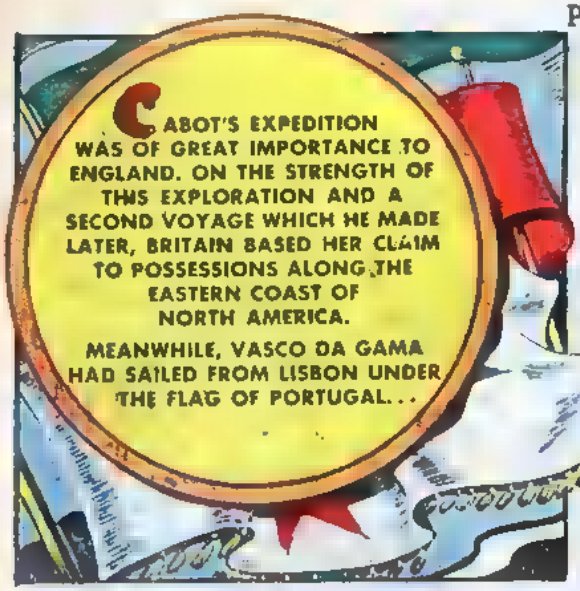
THE OTHER WAS JOHN CABOT, AN ITALIAN WHO HAD MIGRATED TO BRITAIN. HIS HOPE WAS TO SAIL WEST ACROSS THE ATLANTIC...

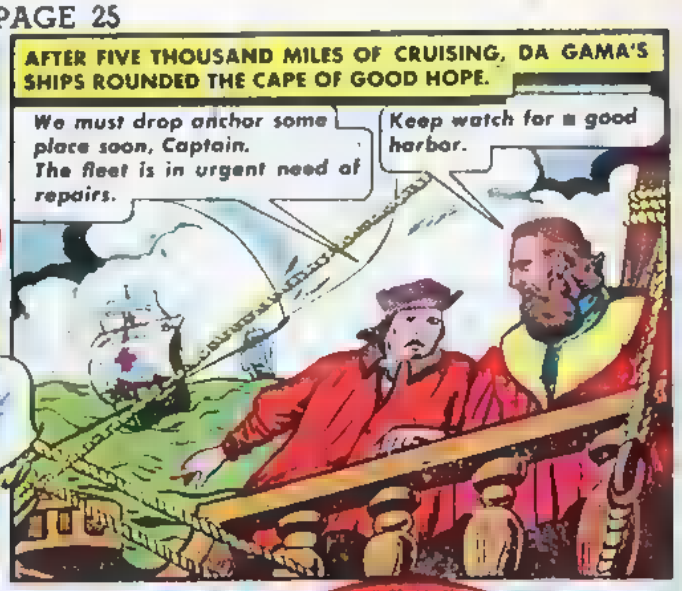


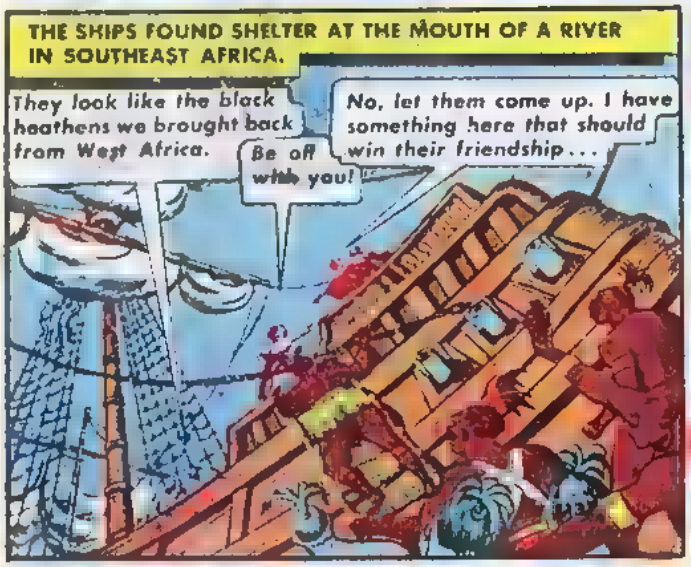




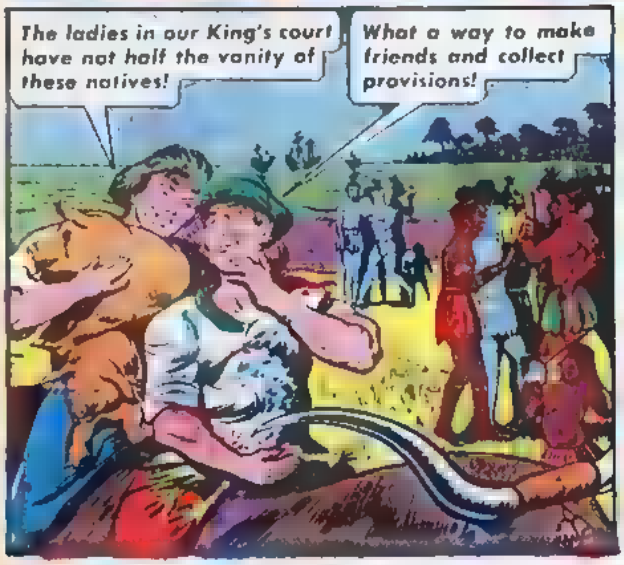



CABOT'S EXPEDITION WAS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO ENGLAND. ON THE STRENGTH OF THIS EXPLORATION AND A SECOND VOYAGE WHICH HE MADE LATER, BRITAIN BASED HER CLAIM TO POSSESSIONS ALONG THE EASTERN COAST OF NORTH AMERICA.
MEANWHILE, VASCO DA GAMA HAD SAILED FROM LISBON UNDER THE FLAG OF PORTUGAL...


AFTER FIVE THOUSAND MILES OF CRUISING, DA GAMA'S SHIPS ROUNDED THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.
We must drop anchor some place soon, Captain. The fleet is in urgent need of repairs.
Keep watch for a good harbor.


THE SHIPS FOUND SHELTER AT THE MOUTH OF A RIVER IN SOUTHEAST AFRICA.
They look like the black heathens we brought back from West Africa.
Be off with you!
No, let them come up. I have something here that should win their friendship...

"...A LOOKING-GLASS!"

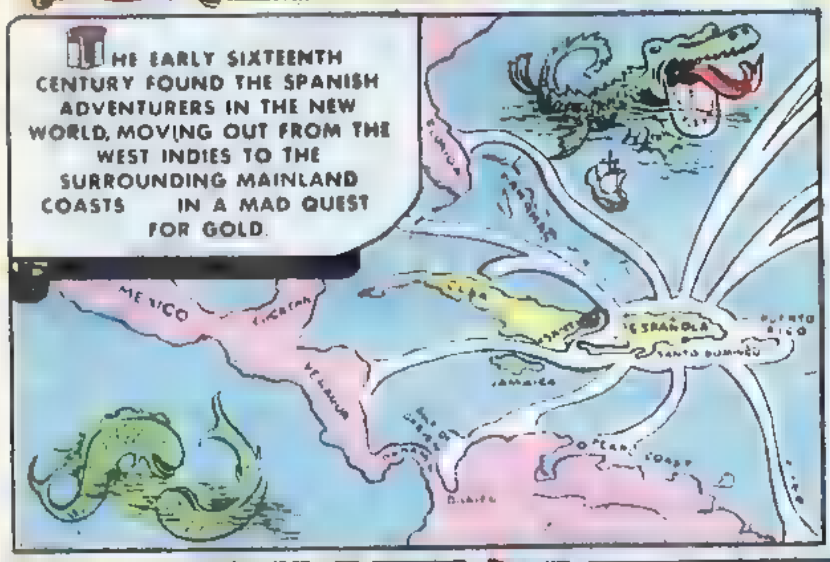

The ladies in our King's court have not half the vanity of these natives!
What a way to make friends and collect provisions!

THE SHIPS SAILED ON UP THE EAST COAST, STOPPING AT THE CORAL-REEFED ISLAND OF MOZAMBIQUE.
Moors! I did not know they inhabit East Africa.
Inquire if they, too, are traders.

MOZAMBIQUE WAS A LAND OF MOORS RULED BY A SHEIK. THAT NIGHT, THE PORTUGUESE WERE GUESTS OF THE KINGDOM.
You are the first Europeans to touch our shores. Many Arab traders come here from India. We give them our coral, sugar cane, oil and cocoanuts in exchange for spices, gold and ivory.
We also seek India's products. Are we sailing in the right direction?
MOMBASA WAS THE NEXT PORT . . . A BEAUTIFUL LAND STUDDED WITH ORCHARDS.
I have never seen so much fruit . . . pomegranates, citrons . . . every tropical variety!
This African coast is like the seven wonders.
DA GAMA'S LAST STOP IN AFRICA WAS THE GREATEST DELIGHT. IT WAS MALINDI . . . A BUSY, COLORFUL CITY.
How friendly these Moors are! One can hardly believe these same Moors invaded Europe.
They say their King is the most powerful ruler in all Africa. Would you like to meet him?
THE PORTUGUESE DID MEET THE RICH POTENTATE, FOR HE PAID A ROYAL VISIT TO DA GAMA.
You are most generous with your gifts, Sire.
It is nothing! I wish to present you, also, with these excellent pilots, who will guide you to India.
ACROSS THE ARABIAN GULF THEY SAILED, AND ON MAY 20, 1498, REACHED THE DAZZLING HARBOR OF CALICUT, INDIA!
India, at last! What splendor!
And this is the India Columbus is still seeking on the other side of the Sea of Darkness!
This marble which we have here erected stands as Portugal's claim to the riches of India. May it stand forever!
DA GAMA'S DISCOVERY OF THE ALL-WATER ROUTE TO INDIA DID NOT, OF COURSE, GIVE PORTUGAL POSSESSION OF INDIA . . . BUT IT DID OPEN UP MANY NEW AFRICAN PORTS, AND DID REVOLUTIONIZE COMMERCE BETWEEN EUROPE AND THE FAR EAST FOR A LONG TIME TO COME!

The Story of VASCO NUÑEZ DE BALBOA

THE EARLY SIXTEENTH CENTURY FOUND THE SPANISH ADVENTURERS IN THE NEW WORLD, MOVING OUT FROM THE WEST INDIES TO THE SURROUNDING MAINLAND COASTS IN A MAD QUEST FOR GOLD.



ONE DAY IN THE YEAR 1509, VASCO NUÑEZ DE BALBOA WAS HARVESTING HIS CROPS...

Balboa, I have news! Ojeda and Nicuesa have been appointed governors of the land from Veragua to the Pearl Coast. They sail next week to take possession!

How I would like to leave Española and go with them! I am so very tired of farming.

SEVERAL DAYS LATER.

Not so fast, Balboa! You sail nowhere until you pay the money I loaned you for your farm!

...And pay me for the horses and sheep!

All right...all right... I'm staying! I only wanted to see the ships leave!

Francisco Pizarro! With whom do you sail?

With Ojeda! He knows the Pearl Coast well. He says we can find gold in the river-beds.

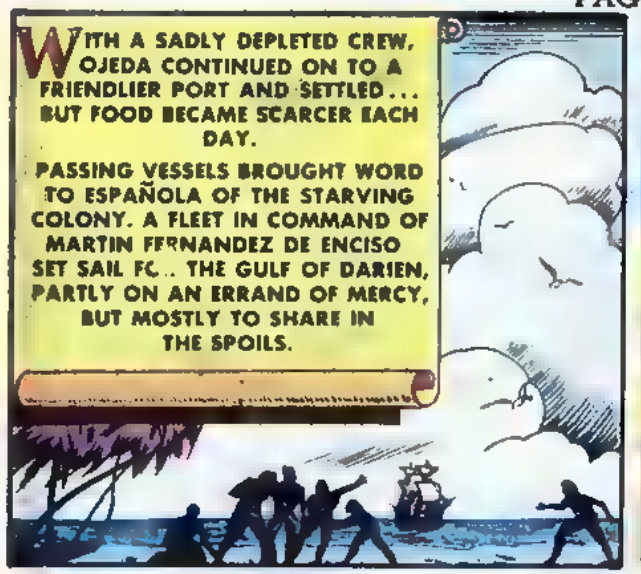
There's more in Veragua. I go with Nicuesa.

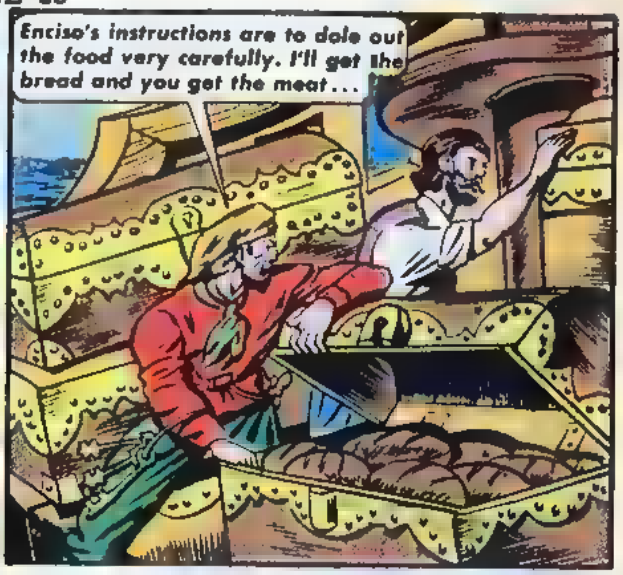
THE FOLLOWING WEEK, WHILE BALBOA TOILED ON HIS FARM, NICUESA WAS SAILING TOWARD CENTRAL AMERICA, AND OJEDA'S SHIP WAS NEARING THE GULF OF DARIEN.

We'll put ashore and round up some Indian slaves to send back to Española in exchange for food. Our supplies are low.

This is not the place to stop, Ojeda. These Indians use poison arrows.

BUT THE RECKLESS OJEDA LED HIS MEN ASHORE...STRAIGHT INTO AMBUSH...

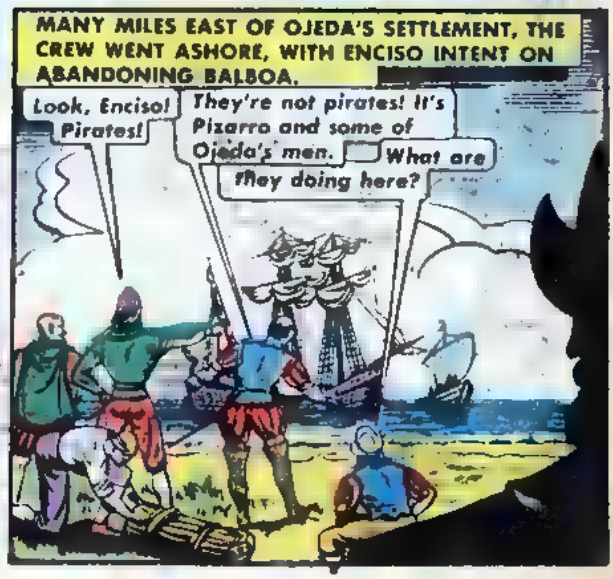

WITH A SADLY DEPLETED CREW, OJEDA CONTINUED ON TO A FRIENDLIER PORT AND SETTLED... BUT FOOD BECAME SCARCER EACH DAY.
PASSING VESSELS BROUGHT WORD TO ESPAÑOLA OF THE STARVING COLONY. A FLEET IN COMMAND OF MARTIN FERNANDEZ DE ENCISO SET SAIL FOR THE GULF OF DARIEN, PARTLY ON AN ERRAND OF MERCY, BUT MOSTLY TO SHARE IN THE SPOILS.

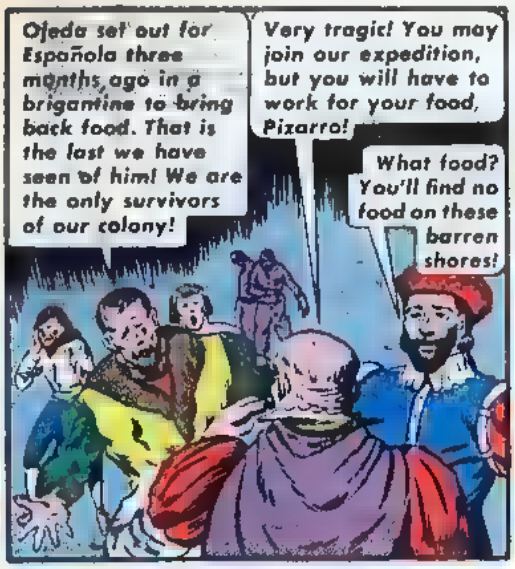

Enciso's instructions are to dole out the food very carefully. I'll get the bread and you get the meat...

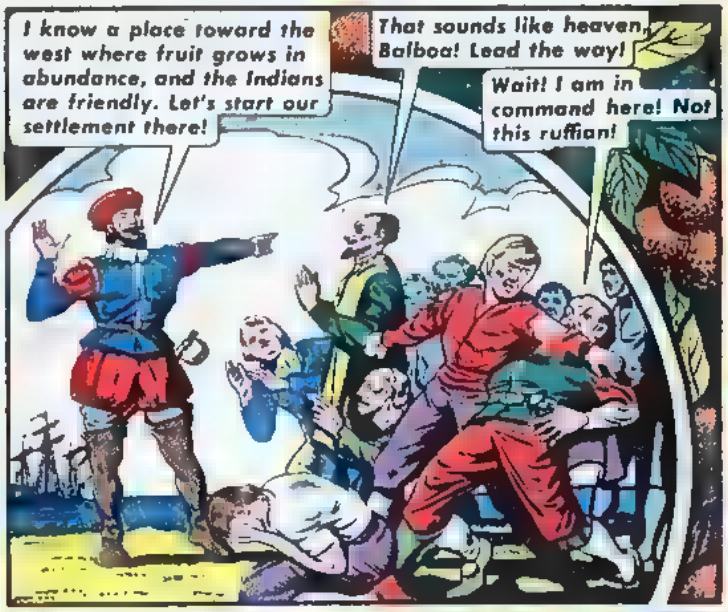
The only meat you will find in here is on my bones!
Oh!
Who speaks?

Vasco Nuñez de Balboa at your service! I took the liberty of boarding your ship in the only way I could!
What will Enciso say! ? !
A stowaway!

...and as much as I tried, my debts kept piling up. I was desperate! This was the only way...
So you chose my ship for your escapade! Ruffian! I will put you ashore at the first land we sight...and I hope it's a desert island!

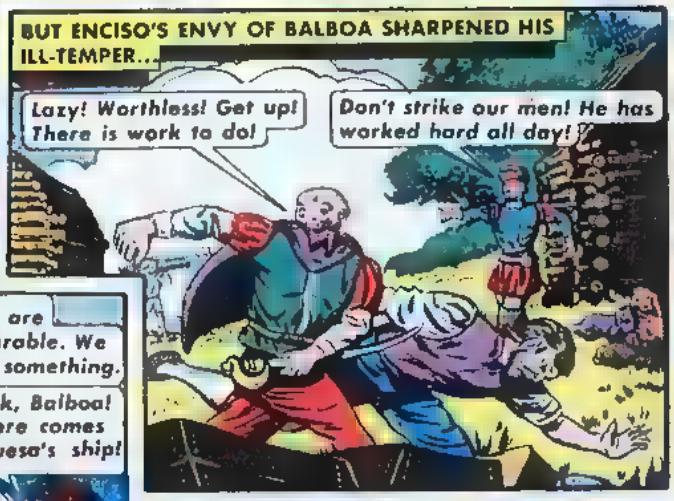

MANY MILES EAST OF OJEDA'S SETTLEMENT, THE CREW WENT ASHORE, WITH ENCISO INTENT ON ABANDONING BALBOA.
Look, Enciso! Pirates!
They're not pirates! It's Pizarro and some of Ojeda's men.
What are they doing here?

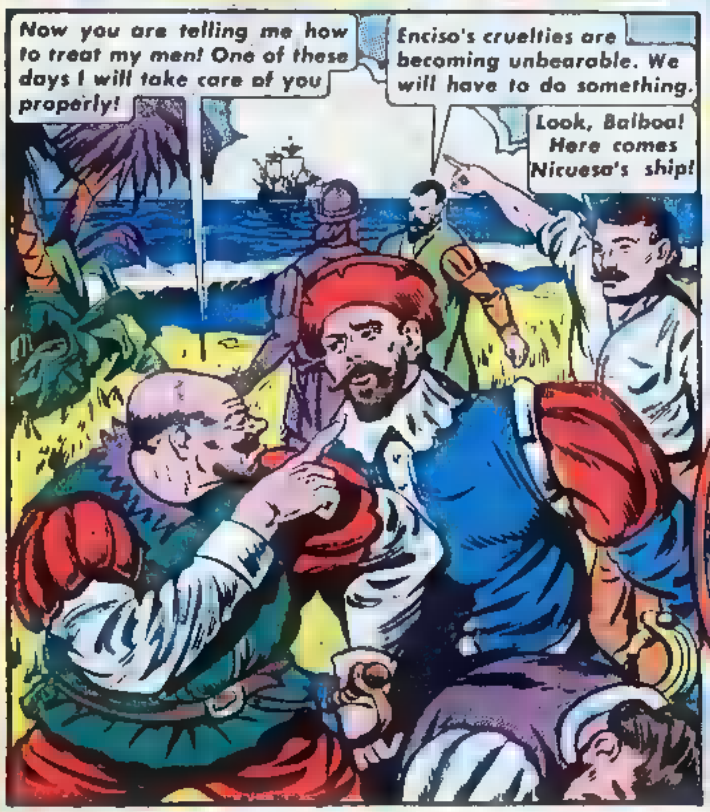


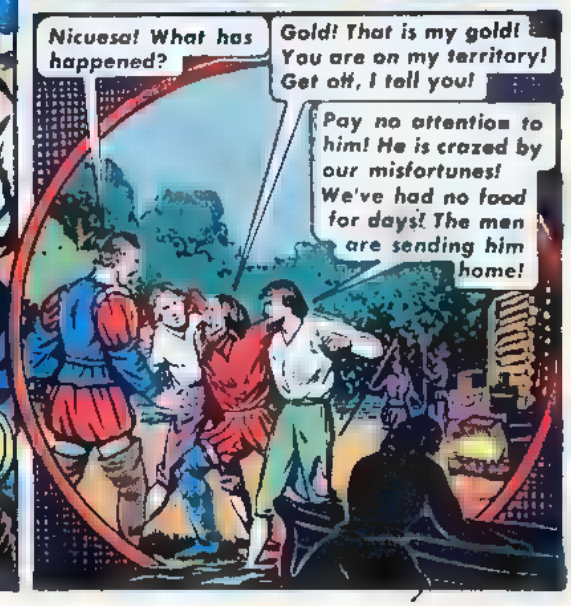


ENCISO'S PROTESTS WERE IGNORED BY THE MEN. BALBOA'S ASSURANCE OF FOOD HAD WON THEIR CONFIDENCE. TO THE WEST SHORE OF THE GULF OF DARIEN THEY JOURNEYED, THE UNWILLING ENCISO WITH THEM.

HERE THE COLONY THRIVED, FOR BALBOA'S KINDNESS WON THE INDIANS' FRIENDSHIP . . . AND GOLD WAS PLENTIFUL.







THAT NIGHT, NICUESA AND SEVENTEEN OF HIS FOLLOWERS WERE PROVISIONED WITH FOOD AND SENT BACK TOWARD SANTO DOMINGO!

What a pity!

There was nothing else we could do. He was raving mad!

Enciso should be treated the same way!

SEVERAL MONTHS LATER..

Off with you, Enciso! This will teach you to treat us like dogs!

Someone will pay for this. Someone will pay!

You are our choice for leader, Balboa.

Good! We'll proceed toward the west and fill our coffers with more gold.

We are ready to go wherever you say!

FROM VILLAGE TO VILLAGE, BALBOA AND HIS MEN WENT MAKING ALLIANCES WITH THE INDIANS. IN ONE VILLAGE, RULED BY CHIEF COMOGRE, THE SPANIARDS WERE GIVEN A LARGE QUANTITY OF GOLD.

This gold is mine!

It's mine, you thief! Oooff! !

Do not fight over yellow pieces. Hear me...

...Many yellow pieces are there across the Sierra, near the Great Water. I, son of Comogre, have travelled much over the mountains and have heard this from the natives.

A great body of water! Perhaps it is the passage to Cathay! Men, we have a new goal!

ACROSS THE SIERRA, BALBOA AND HIS MEN MARCHED... WITH DANGERS LURKING ON ALL SIDES.

Won't they ever leave us alone? The heat and hunger are enough to endure without their savage attacks!

Courage, Pizarro! We cannot have far to go! Release the bloodhounds, men!

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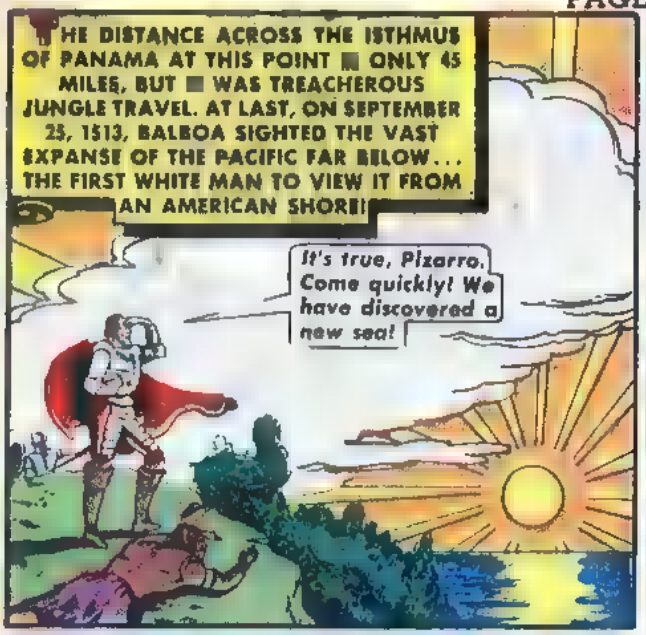
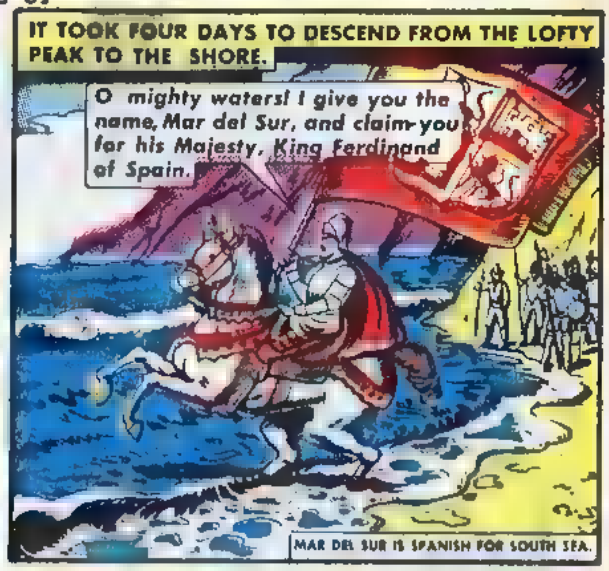
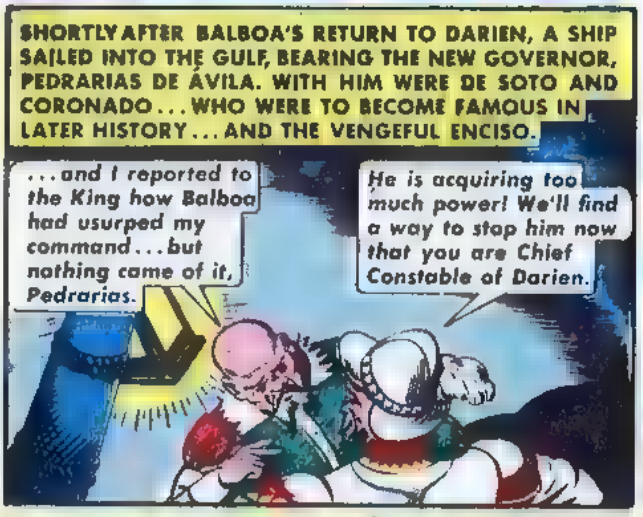
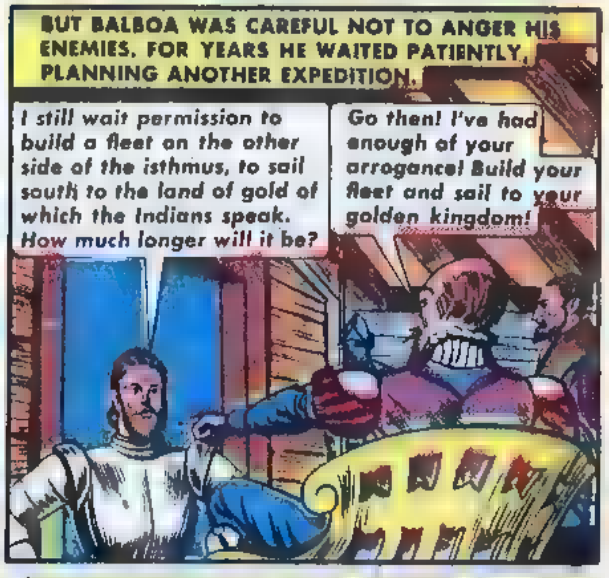
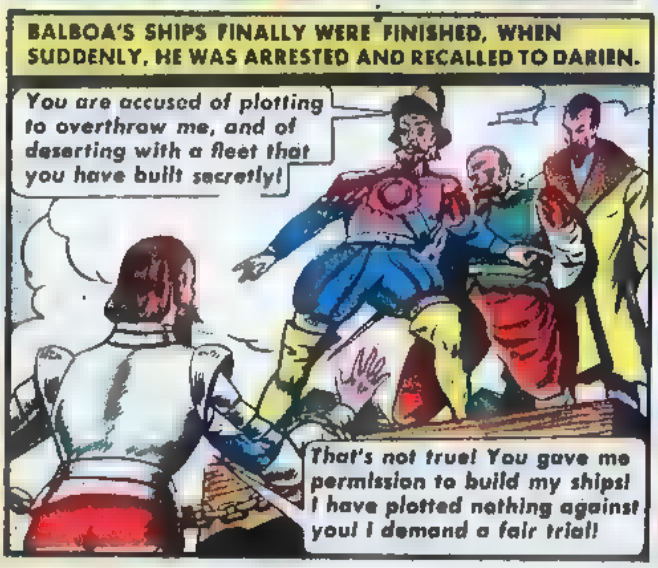
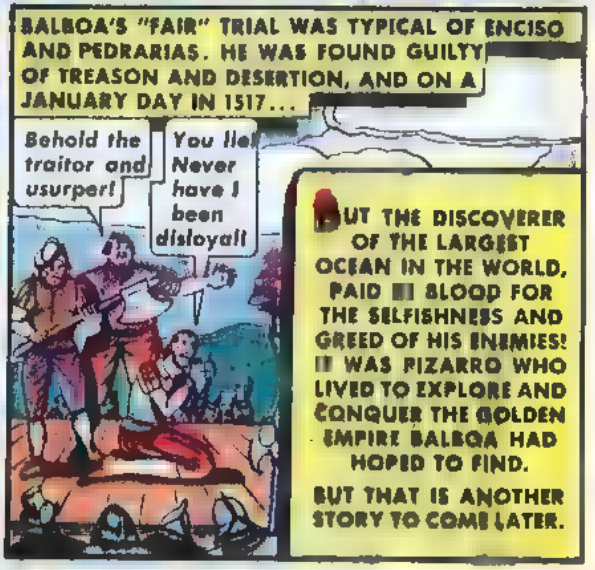

THE DISTANCE ACROSS THE ISTHMUS OF PANAMA AT THIS POINT IS ONLY 45 MILES, BUT IT WAS TREACHEROUS JUNGLE TRAVEL. AT LAST, ON SEPTEMBER 25, 1513, BALBOA SIGHTED THE VAST EXPANSE OF THE PACIFIC FAR BELOW... THE FIRST WHITE MAN TO VIEW IT FROM AN AMERICAN SHORE!
It's true, Pizarro. Come quickly! We have discovered a new sea!


IT TOOK FOUR DAYS TO DESCEND FROM THE LOFTY PEAK TO THE SHORE.
O mighty waters! I give you the name, Mar del Sur, and claim you for his Majesty, King Ferdinand of Spain.
MAR DEL SUR IS SPANISH FOR SOUTH SEA.


SHORTLY AFTER BALBOA'S RETURN TO DARIEN, A SHIP SAILED INTO THE GULF, BEARING THE NEW GOVERNOR, PEDRARIAS DE ÁVILA. WITH HIM WERE DE SOTO AND CORONADO... WHO WERE TO BECOME FAMOUS IN LATER HISTORY... AND THE VENGEFUL ENCISO.
...and I reported to the King how Balboa had usurped my command...but nothing came of it, Pedrarias.
He is acquiring too much power! We'll find a way to stop him now that you are Chief Constable of Darien.

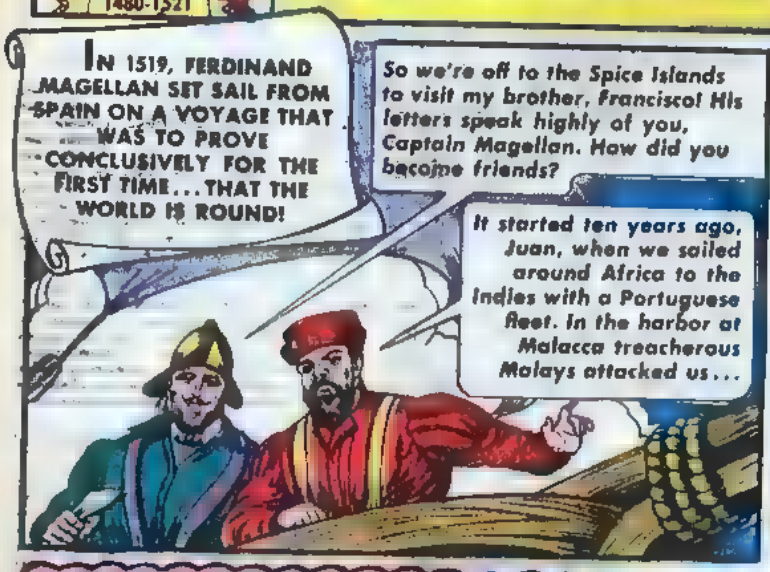

BUT BALBOA WAS CAREFUL NOT TO ANGER HIS ENEMIES. FOR YEARS HE WAITED PATIENTLY, PLANNING ANOTHER EXPEDITION.
I still wait permission to build a fleet on the other side of the isthmus, to sail south to the land of gold of which the Indians speak. How much longer will it be?
Go then! I've had enough of your arrogance! Build your fleet and sail to your golden kingdom!

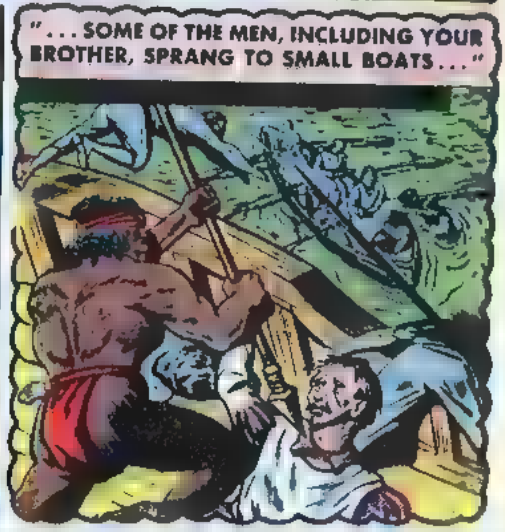

BALBOA'S SHIPS FINALLY WERE FINISHED, WHEN SUDDENLY, HE WAS ARRESTED AND RECALLED TO DARIEN.
You are accused of plotting to overthrow me, and of deserting with a fleet that you have built secretly!
That's not true! You gave me permission to build my ships! I have plotted nothing against you! I demand a fair trial!

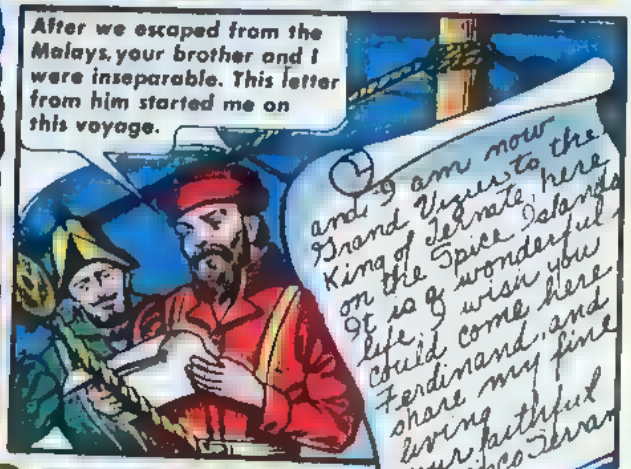

BALBOA'S "FAIR" TRIAL WAS TYPICAL OF ENCISO AND PEDRARIAS. HE WAS FOUND GUILTY OF TREASON AND DESERTION, AND ON A JANUARY DAY IN 1517...
Behold the traitor and usurper!
You lie! Never have I been disloyal!
BUT THE DISCOVERER OF THE LARGEST OCEAN IN THE WORLD, PAID WITH BLOOD FOR THE SELFISHNESS AND GREED OF HIS ENEMIES! IT WAS PIZARRO WHO LIVED TO EXPLORE AND CONQUER THE GOLDEN EMPIRE BALBOA HAD HOPED TO FIND.
BUT THAT IS ANOTHER STORY TO COME LATER.

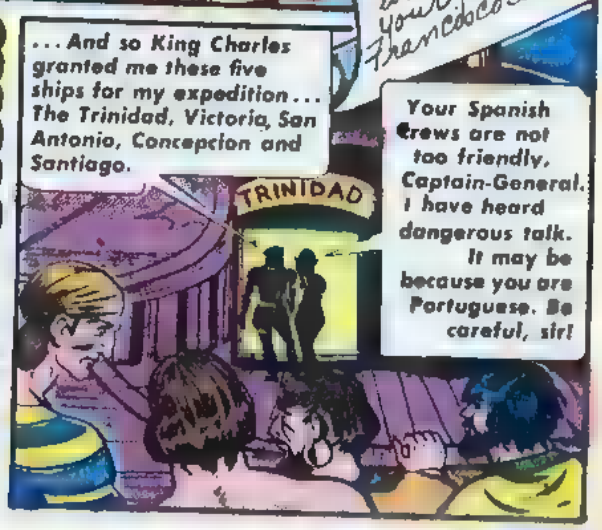
MAP OF EXPLORATIONS

The Story of FERDINAND MAGELLAN









JUAN WAS RIGHT! AS THE TRINIDAD LED THE WAY ACROSS THE ATLANTIC AND DOWN THE COAST OF SOUTH AMERICA, MUTINY WAS BREWING.

ABOARD THE CONCEPCION AT PORT ST. JULIAN...

Tonight we seize the San Antonio! The crew of the Victoria is with us. That will give us three of the five ships. Are you ready?

Aye! Captain Quesada!

Aye!

Aye!

STEALTHILY, THE TRAITORS BOARDED THE SAN ANTONIO AND OVERPOWERED THE CREW.

The San Antonio is in our hands, sir!

Good! Take command here, del Cano! I'm sending a request to Magellan to come aboard to discuss terms. He'll be our next prisoner!

ALL THROUGH THE NEXT DAY AND NIGHT QUESADA WAITED UNEASILY FOR HIS MESSENGER TO RETURN FROM THE TRINIDAD.

BUT UNDER COVER OF DARKNESS, MAGELLAN HAD SENT LOYAL SEAMAN TO BOARD THE VICTORIA

DAWN FOUND THE VICTORIA ALONGSIDE THE TRINIDAD FLYING MAGELLAN'S FLAG, WHILE ON THE OTHER SIDE LAY THE LOYAL SANTIAGO.

Keep firing! We'll bring the traitors to their knees!

The white flag! The San Antonio has surrendered!

The Concepcion will do the same in a moment!

AFTER PEACE WAS RESTORED, A STRANGE GROUP OF NATIVES APPEARED ON SHORE.

What big natives they raise here!

What big feet! We'll call them Patagons and their country, Patagonia!

THE FLEET CONTINUED SOUTH TO A BAY THAT LED INTO A LABYRINTH OF ROCKS AND ICE.

There's no end to this!

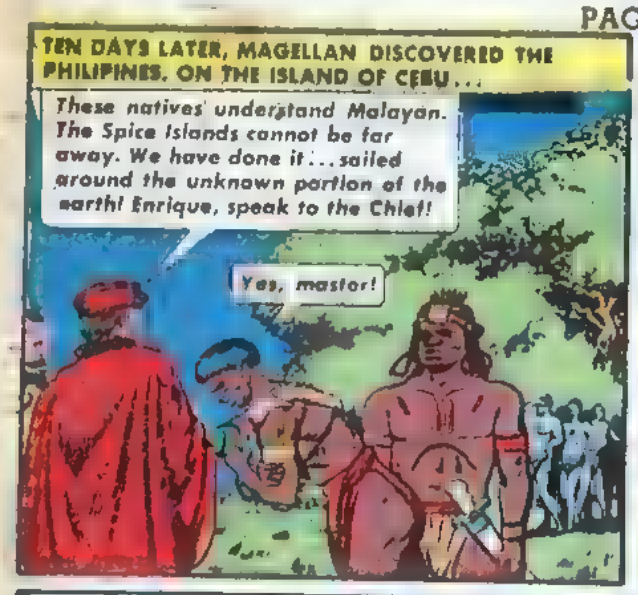
Let's go back! Our food is almost gone!

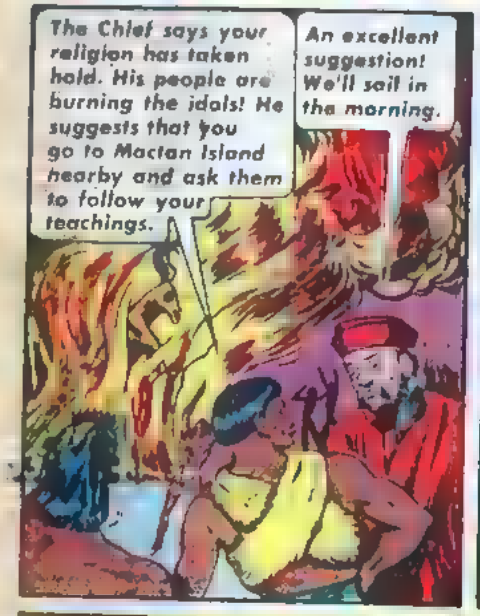
Never! This MUST be the strait! We'll sail on, if we have to eat leather off the ships' yards!

AT THIS TIME THE SANTIAGO WAS WRECKED, AND THE SAN ANTONIO DESERTED AND SAILED FOR SPAIN. ONLY THE IRON WILL OF MAGELLAN HELD THE REST OF THE FLEET IN LINE.

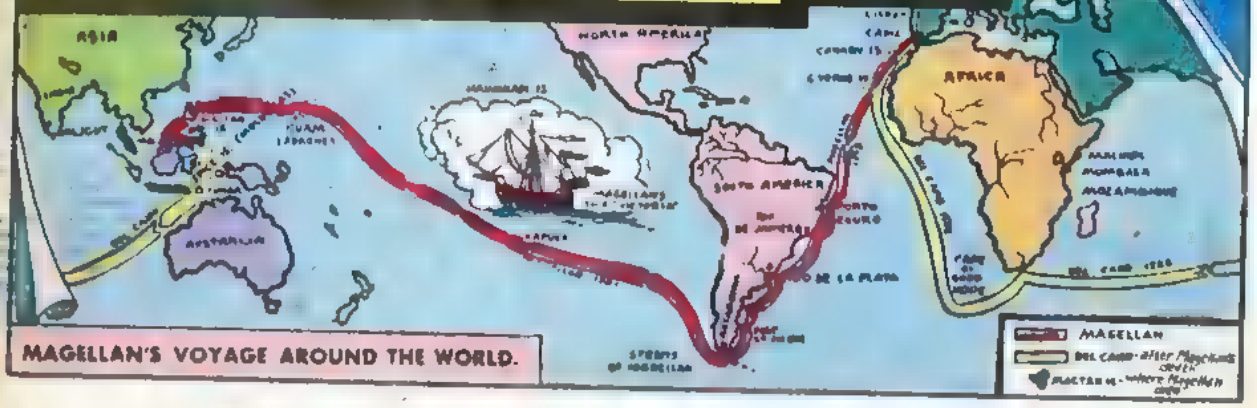
AFTER 38 DAYS, THEY REACHED THE MAR DEL SUR, SO PEACEFUL THAT MAGELLAN RENAMED IT THE PACIFIC. ACROSS THE PACIFIC THEY SAILED FOR 99 DAYS. FOOD RAN OUT, AND MAGELLAN'S WORDS CAME TRUE... THE MEN ATE LEATHER.

FINALLY, IN MARCH, 1521 THE STARVED CREW LANDED AT GUAM WHERE FRUIT, VEGETABLES AND MEAT WERE PLENTIFUL.





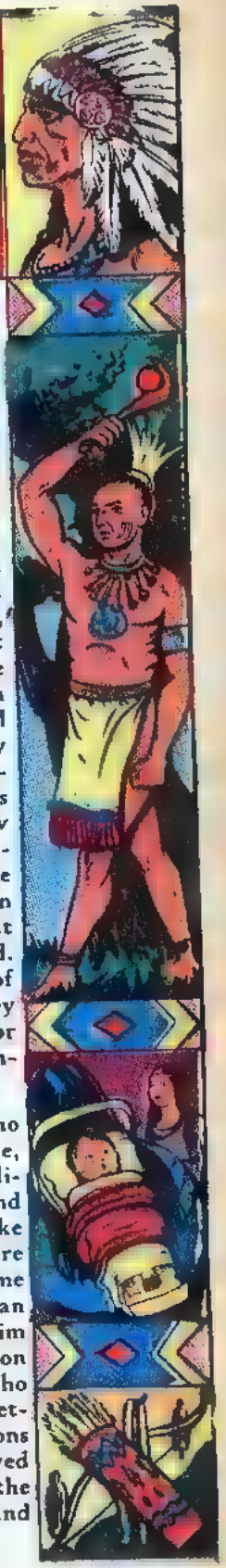
IN THE SUMMER OF 1522, A WEATHER-WORN VESSEL DOCKED IN SPANISH WATERS. IT WAS THE VICTORIA... SOLE SURVIVOR OF MAGELLAN'S FLEET, COMMANDED BY DEL CANO. THOUGH MAGELLAN HAD BEEN KILLED THE YEAR BEFORE, TO HIM WENT THE GLORY, FOR ONE OF HIS SHIPS HAD SAILED COMPLETELY AROUND THE GLOBE!



MAGELLAN'S VOYAGE AROUND THE WORLD.

WHO ARE THE INDIANS?

by Irwin Stark



WHEN Columbus landed in the Western Hemisphere in 1492, he thought he had reached India, and therefore he called the dark-skinned natives "Indians". It was soon clear, however, that he had made a serious mistake. India was still thousands of miles away. But if these savages were not Indians, who were they? How had they come to the New World? Could they have crossed the Atlantic or Pacific in their slender birch canoes? How long had they been living here? When had they first arrived? What was their history?

For many years scientists have been trying to solve this strange mystery. They have searched hidden caves, dug up ancient burial grounds, and excavated long-forgotten cities in the hope of discovering new clues and facts to fit into their jig-saw puzzle. The mystery remains unsolved, but with the clues that we now have, we can almost guess at the real story.

If you look at a world map, you will see a string of islands stretching out from Alaska toward Siberia. These are the Aleutians, which the Japanese invaded early in World War II. When the Americans recaptured the Aleutians, they became strategic bases for our bombers. But once, a long time ago, they formed a continuous land bridge over which men and animals crossed from Asia to North America.

These crossings took place many thousands of years ago when our continent was covered by forests and rich grasslands. But after these immigrants had arrived, vast rivers of ice, the glaciers, swept down upon them from the Polar regions. These were as wide as the continent itself and thousands of feet deep. Four times they moved down from the North over a period of thousands of years, changing the land into a great waste of ice, killing most of the animals, and driving the men southward. During one glacial period the land bridge suddenly sank into the ocean, leaving only a number of small islands . . . the Aleutians . . . to show where it had once been. Finally, when the sun had driven the last glacier north again, men and beasts found themselves cut off from the rest of the world. Here on the two continents of the Western Hemisphere, they were to remain isolated for thousands of years till the coming of Columbus.

The men and women, who were of the Mongolian race, now began to move in all directions searching for food, and land on which they could make their homes. How many there were we do not know. Some scientists say never more than five million, while others claim as many as seventy-five million at one time. The people who became known as Eskimos, settled along the coastal regions in the north where they lived by fishing, built houses into the ground with whale rib and

driftwood, and in the winters made igloos of ice. The Indians of the Plains built wigwams or tepees, and hunted bison. Others became cliff and cave dwellers, killing wild beasts for their food. In the southwest they built seven story apartment houses known as pueblos, and became farmers. They fished, hunted, or farmed, depending on the region in which they found themselves.

They were not simple savages by any means, though they were always backward as compared with people in the rest of the world. The Prairie Indians drew colored pictures on the skin coverings of their tepees. In the forests of the Ohio and Mississippi valleys, the early Algonquins built huge mounds which may be seen even today. One of these in the shape of a mighty serpent is five hundred feet long. On the Atlantic Coast the Iroquois tribes set up a strong confederation which lasted two hundred years. Some became good farmers, raising corn, beans, pumpkins, artichokes, and many other fruits and vegetables in use today. The Pueblo Indians were skillful at weaving, basket making, pottery, and beadwork. Ceremonial dances and rhythm music were known to all tribes, and such sports as archery, handball, lacrosse, and endurance races were popular.

But none of the North American tribes ever became highly civilized. Their tools were made of stone, and their chief weapon was the bow and arrow. They never learned about the buried mineral wealth of America, and the wonderful uses of iron and steel remained hidden from them. Since most of the animals had been killed by the glaciers, there were no flocks of sheep or goats to furnish them with materials for weaving cloth, no herds of cattle to give them milk, and no beasts of burden to haul their property and till their fields. They knew nothing about the wheel which played such an important part in other civilizations, and they had no written language by which to keep an account of their history. While Egyptian, Greek, Roman and Asiatic civilizations were flourishing, the life of the American Indians therefore continued to be very elementary.

It was a different story with the Indians who moved into Mexico, Central, and South America, because the climate made life much easier. The Incas of Peru were amazing engineers, who built immense walls of enormous stones, threw suspension bridges over deep canyons, and drove long tunnels through the mountains. A two-thousand mile road which they built through the Andes in South America is still partly in use today. They invented scales and balances, made mirrors, and were skillful surgeons and dentists. In Guatemala and Yucatan, the Mayas (pronounced My-ahs) invented a written language, and published thousands of fiber-paper books. While the Roman Empire was being overrun by the Goths and Vandals, these Indians were building great cities with temples of masonry, beautiful sculptures and monuments, and towers in which their astronomers made an accurate calendar of the sun and moon. Much later, about 1325 A.D., came the Aztecs, a warlike tribe which ruled Mexico till the coming of the Spaniards. The pyramid at Tenayuca, six miles from Mexico City, stands as one of the greatest monuments to this last great Indian civilization of Mexico.

But most Indian civilization was vanishing by the time the

Spaniards reached the New World. The Mayan cities were already buried ruins over which the jungles grew, and Aztec and Inca civilizations were soon destroyed by the gold-greedy white conquerors who had learned how to make their weapons of iron and steel. Plagues, earthquakes, and tribal wars had weakened the Indians beforehand, and Montezuma fought bravely but in vain to save his people and the great cities they had built.

Men still speak of finding buried cities of the ancient Indians, and slowly the jungles and ruins are giving up their secrets. In 1927 scientists discovered carefully fashioned flint points (used as spearheads), which, they say, were made by the first men to come to America some 15,000 years ago. By 1941 these scientists had traced the flint points from New Mexico all the way to Alaska. Then came the war, and the search had to end. But when the war is over they hope to return. They think they may find complete bodies of those first Americans frozen solid under the Alaskan ice. Perhaps some day, therefore, the whole story will be told, and no longer will there be any unanswered questions about the strange people who lived in the New World thousands of years before the white man arrived.

THE END

IMPORTANT DATES *to Remember!*

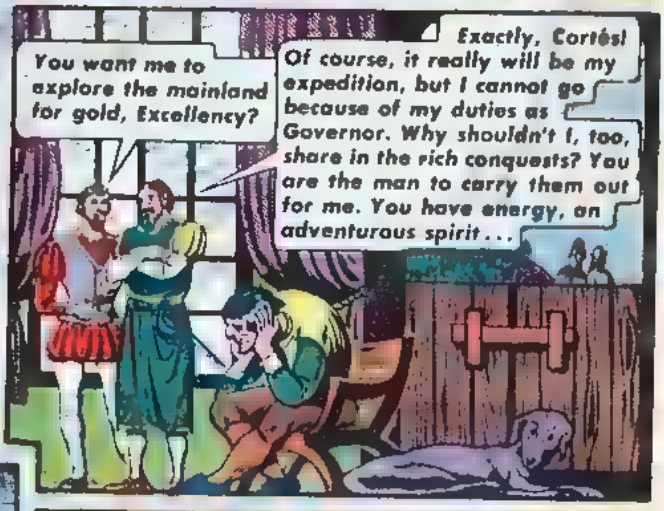
1000?—Leif Ericson and the Norsemen Explorations.
1271—Marco Polo sailed from Venice on his journey to Cathay that lasted for 26 years.
1419—Prince Henry the Navigator, retired to study the secrets of the Sea of Darkness.
1445—Diniz Diaz discovered Cape Verde.
1487—Bartholomew Diaz rounded the Cape of Good Hope.
1492, Oct. 12th—Columbus discovered the New World, landing on Watling Island (San Salvador).
1492—Columbus discovered Cuba and Haiti.
1493—Columbus sailed on his 2nd voyage and discovered Puerto Rico and Jamaica.
1497—John Cabot planted the Banner of England on Newfoundland.
1498—Vasco da Gama sailed around Africa and reached Calicut, India.
1498—Columbus sailed on his 3rd voyage and discovered Trinidad and the mainland of South America.
1499—Amerigo Vespucci explored the mainland of South America.
1502—Columbus sailed on his 4th voyage, and skirted the coast of Central America.
1506—Columbus died, not knowing he had discovered a New World.
1513—Balboa discovered the Pacific Ocean.
1513—Ponce de León discovered Florida and the Bahama Channel.
1519-1521—Magellan's Circumnavigation of the Globe.
1521—Cortés completed the conquest of Mexico.
1525—Cortés conquered Guatemala.
1533—Pizarro completed the conquest of Peru.
1536—Vaca completed his journey across North America.
1541—De Soto discovered the Mississippi River.
1542—Coronado returned to Mexico after travelling as far north as Kansas.
1565—Founding of St. Augustine and the massacre of the Huguenots in Florida.

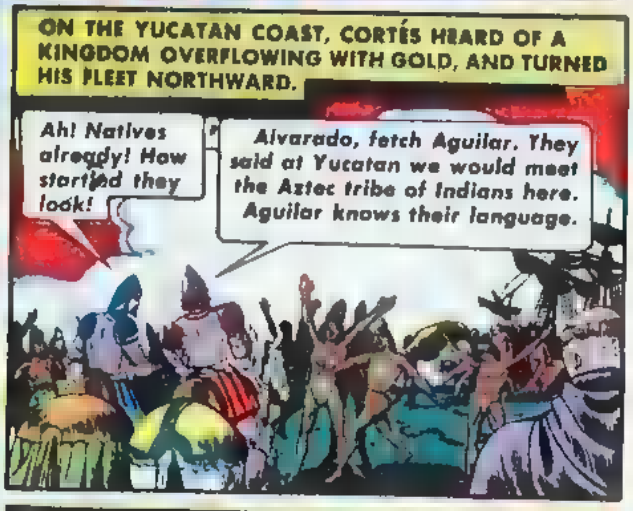
The Stories of the AZTECS and the INCAS

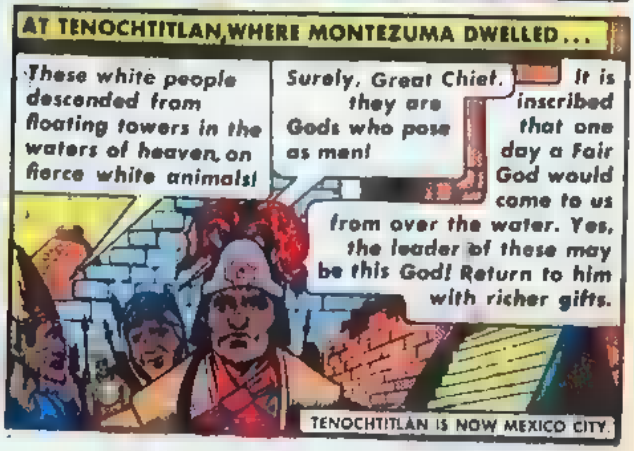
THOUGH HORDES OF SPANIARDS HAD BEEN SWARMING ACROSS THE ATLANTIC TO SEEK THEIR FORTUNES, IT REMAINED FOR HERNANDO CORTÉS AND FRANCISCO PIZARRO TO UNCOVER DAZZINGLY WEALTHY EMPIRES IN THE NEW WORLD.

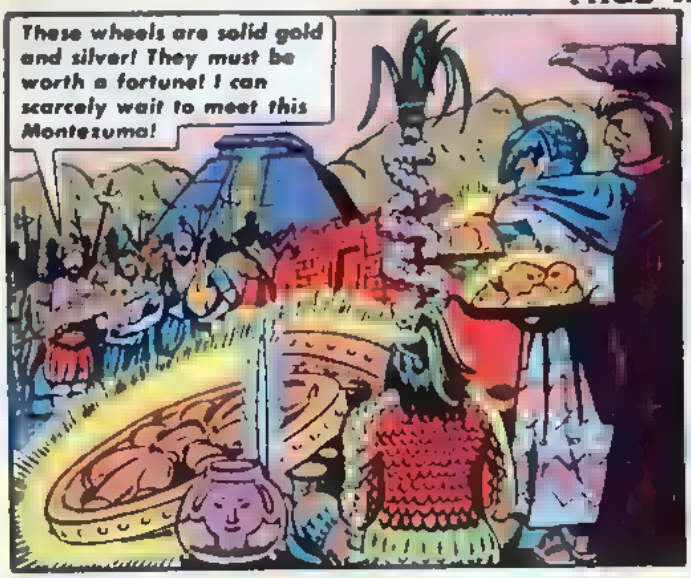
DURING THE YEARS WHEN PIZARRO WAS AIDE TO BALBOA, CORTÉS WAS LIEUTENANT TO DIEGO VELASQUEZ, GOVERNOR OF CUBA.

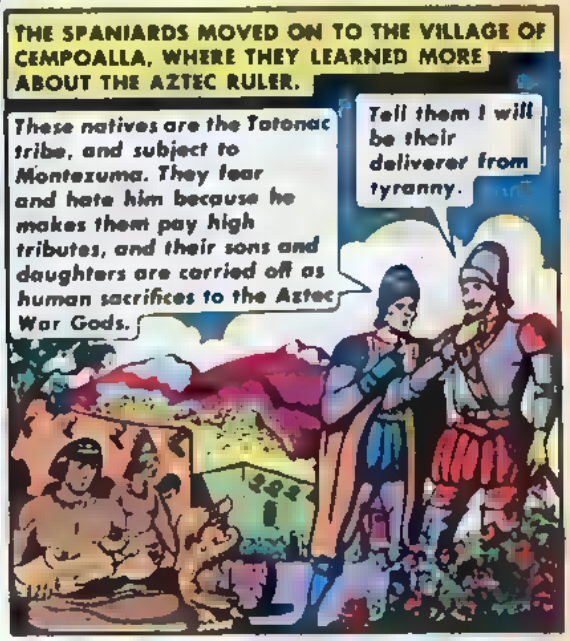
IT WAS EARLY IN THE YEAR 1519, AT SANTIAGO, CUBA...



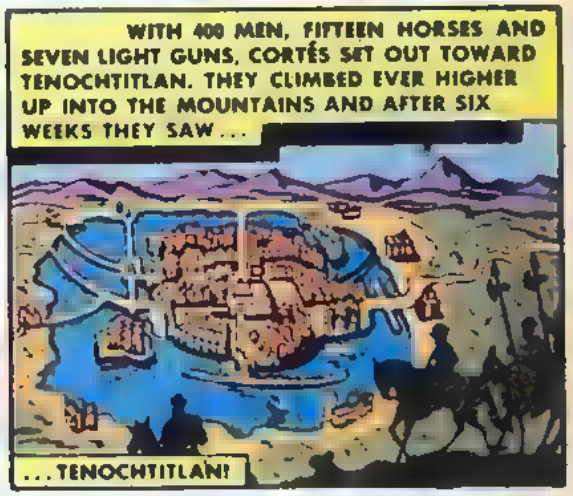




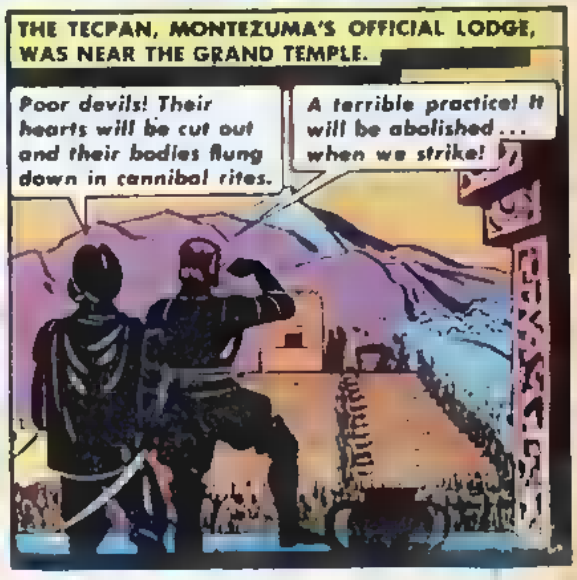

These wheels are solid gold and silver! They must be worth a fortune! I can scarcely wait to meet this Montezuma!

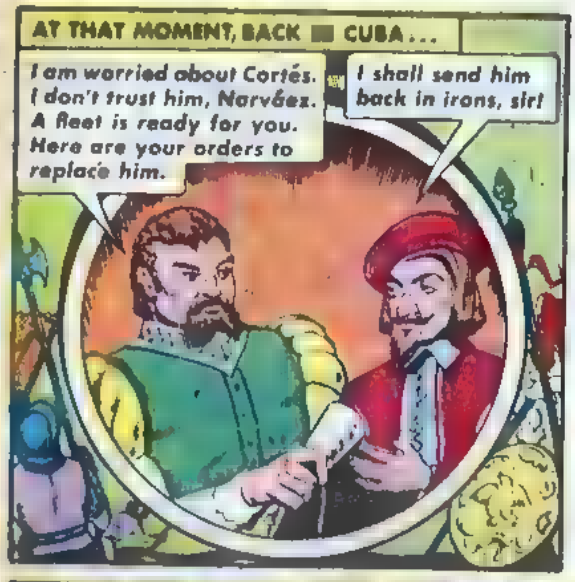

THE SPANIARDS MOVED ON TO THE VILLAGE OF CEMPOALLA, WHERE THEY LEARNED MORE ABOUT THE AZTEC RULER.
These natives are the Totonac tribe, and subject to Montezuma. They fear and hate him because he makes them pay high tributes, and their sons and daughters are carried off as human sacrifices to the Aztec War Gods.
Tell them I will be their deliverer from tyranny.

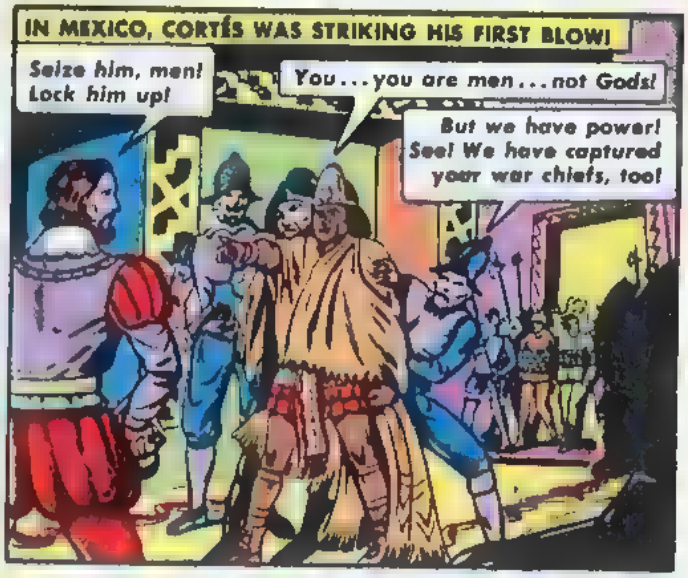
THUS, CORTÉS MARCHED FROM TRIBE TO TRIBE, WINNING THEIR FRIENDSHIP. RETURNING TO HIS FLEET, HE FOUNDED THE FIRST SPANISH SETTLEMENT ON THE GULF OF MEXICO... VERA CRUZ. THEN, TO THE AMAZEMENT OF HIS MEN...
This is a country of golden promise! I have ordered every ship burned, so that there will be no turning back! We must conquer... or perish!

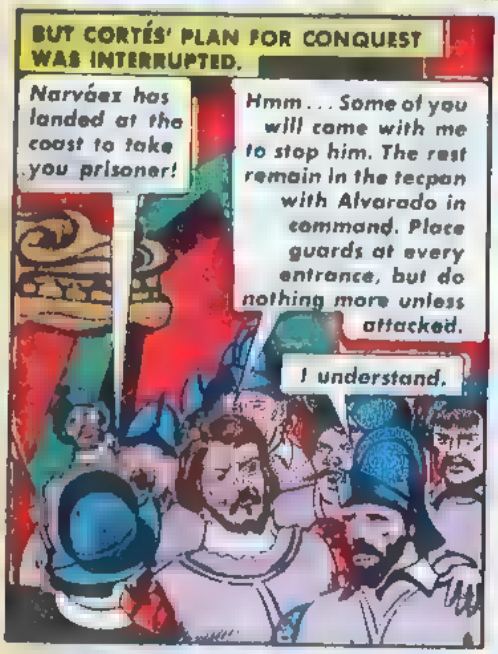

WITH 400 MEN, FIFTEEN HORSES AND SEVEN LIGHT GUNS, CORTÉS SET OUT TOWARD TENOCHTITLAN. THEY CLIMBED EVER HIGHER UP INTO THE MOUNTAINS AND AFTER SIX WEEKS THEY SAW...
...TENOCHTITLAN!

HERE MONTEZUMA GREETED THE SPANIARDS AS THOUGH THEY WERE GODS!
You are welcome to my kingdom! My tecpan is open to you!

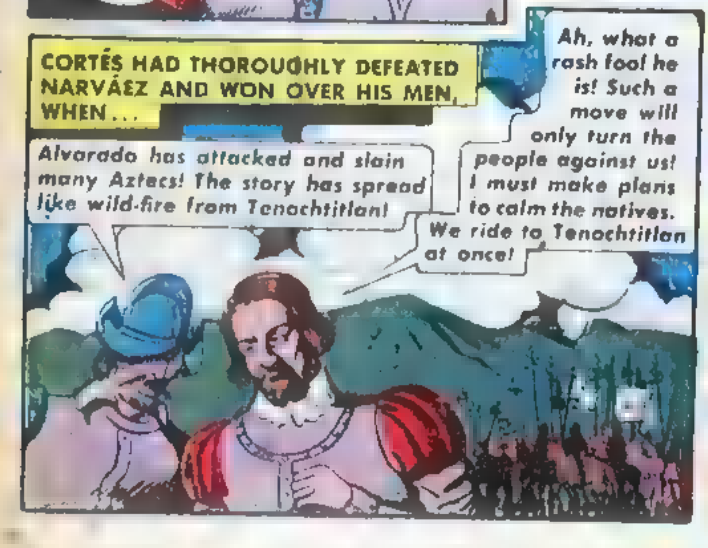

THE TECPAN, MONTEZUMA'S OFFICIAL LODGE, WAS NEAR THE GRAND TEMPLE.
Poor devils! Their hearts will be cut out and their bodies flung down in cannibal rites.
A terrible practice! It will be abolished... when we strike!

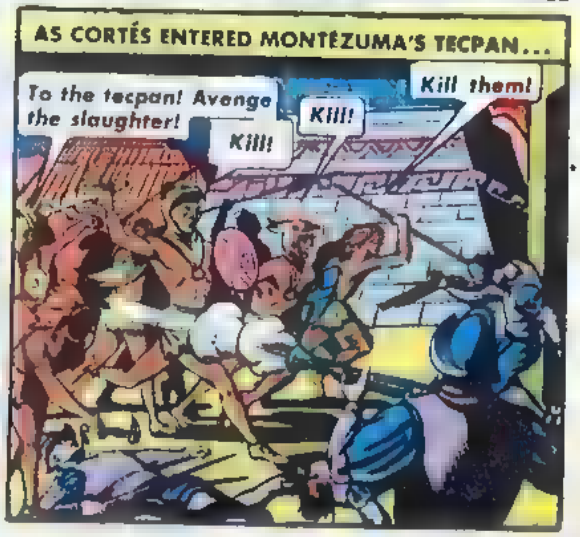

AT THAT MOMENT, BACK IN CUBA...
I am worried about Cortés. I don't trust him, Narváez. A fleet is ready for you. Here are your orders to replace him.
I shall send him back in irons, sir!

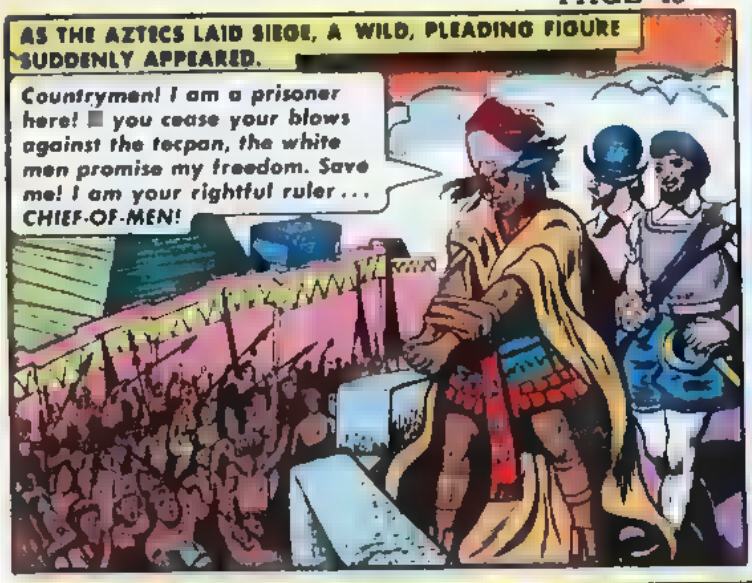

IN MEXICO, CORTÉS WAS STRIKING HIS FIRST BLOW!
Seize him, men! Lock him up!
You...you are men...not Gods!
But we have power! See! We have captured your war chiefs, too!

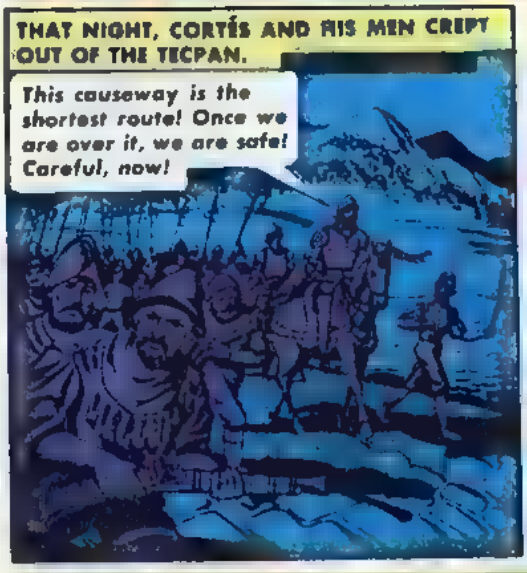

BUT CORTÉS' PLAN FOR CONQUEST WAS INTERRUPTED.
Narváez has landed at the coast to take you prisoner!
Hmm... Some of you will come with me to stop him. The rest remain in the tecpan with Alvarado in command. Place guards at every entrance, but do nothing more unless attacked.
I understand.

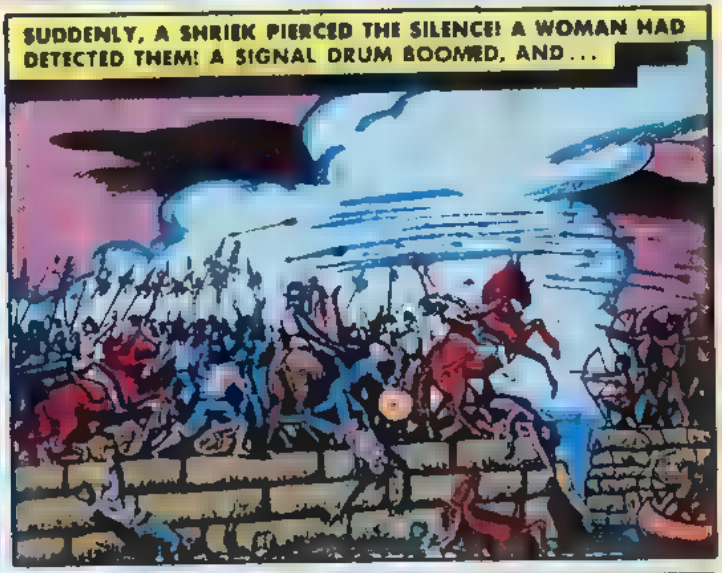
AFTER CORTÉS DEPARTED, RUMORS TRICKLED IN THAT THE AZTECS WERE PLOTTING AN ATTACK! ON A FESTIVAL DAY...
We will strike the first blow! SANTIAGO!
Santiago!
We're with you, Alvarado! Santiago!
SANTIAGO IS THE PATRON SAINT OF SPAIN.

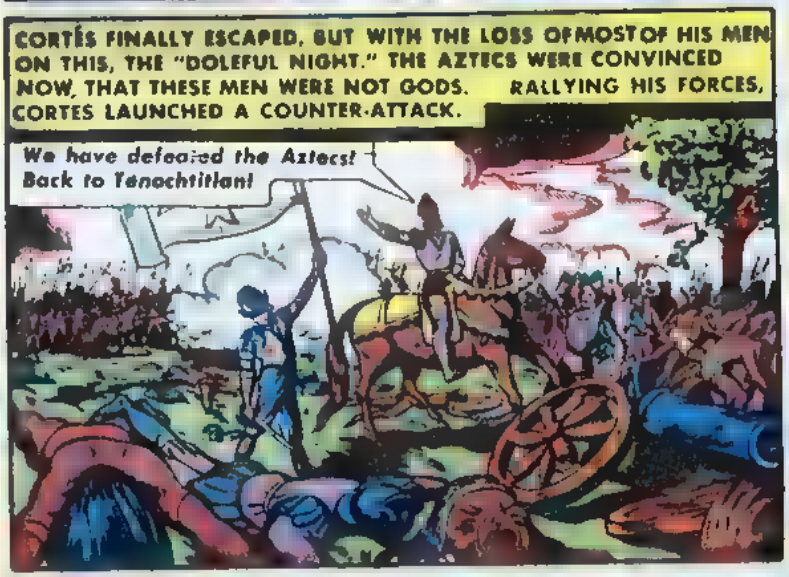

CORTÉS HAD THOROUGHLY DEFEATED NARVÁEZ AND WON OVER HIS MEN, WHEN...
Alvarado has attacked and slain many Aztecs! The story has spread like wild-fire from Tenochtitlan!
Ah, what a rash fool he is! Such a move will only turn the people against us! I must make plans to calm the natives. We ride to Tenochtitlan at once!


AS CORTÉS ENTERED MONTEZUMA'S TECPAN...
To the tecpan! Avenge the slaughter!
Kill!
Kill!
Kill them!









ON AUGUST 13, 1521, AFTER A MIGHTY BATTLE, THE SPANIARDS VICTORIOUSLY ENTERED THE CAPITAL CITY AND TOOK POSSESSION OF ITS GREAT TREASURES.

NOR WERE CORTÉS' CONQUESTS OVER. FOUR YEARS LATER, GUATEMALA AND ITS WEALTH OF PEARLS FELL TO HIM. HE WAS ACCLAIMED A HERO, AND ON HIS RETURN TO SPAIN WITH A DISPLAY OF BRILLIANT GIFTS, THE CRY EVERYWHERE WAS "CORTÉS AND MEXICO"!

ONLY THE SUCCESS OF FRANCISCO PIZARRO WAS TO SURPASS THE GLORY OF CORTÉS.

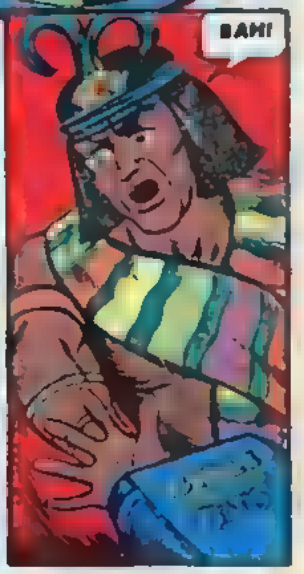
AFTER BALBOA'S EXECUTION, PIZARRO HAD CONTINUED HIS EXPLORATIONS FROM PANAMA... GOVERNOR PEDRARIAS ÁVILA'S NEW CAPITAL. AT TUMBEZ NATIVES SPOKE OF THE GOLDEN INCA EMPIRE. BUT PEDRARIAS REFUSED MEN AND ARMS FOR THE CONQUEST OF PERU. PIZARRO, THEREFORE, RETURNED TO SPAIN TO SEEK AID FROM KING CHARLES V... AND WAS SUCCESSFUL.
FROM PANAMA DECEMBER, 1531, PIZARRO SAILED DOWN THE WEST COAST OF SOUTH AMERICA.
Our first stop is Tumbez, Hernando. The King has granted me the Governorship of all the land 200 leagues south of the Santiago River.
The Golden Empire should be within that distance, brother.
AT TUMBEZ, HERNANDO DE SOTO JOINED THE EXPEDITION.
I have brought you one hundred men and fifty horses.
Excellent! We'll establish our base thirty leagues south and then go on to the Empire of the Incas!
FOR MONTHS THE SPANIARDS STRUGGLED UP THE ROCKY ANDES UNTIL THEY SAW...
The City of Caxamarca! The Inca Chief, Atahualpa, dwells there.
De Soto, you take my brother, Hernando, and forty men... and go down to make our presence known. We will follow.
IN CAXAMARCA, BREATHLESS MESSENGERS BORE THE EXCITING NEWS TO ATAHUALPA.
O Great Child of the Sun! White GODS approach on huge, fierce beasts!
The horse! I have heard of it. It is nothing but mere animal!
Here they come!
One has fallen from the godly beast!
Stop the beast! Use your spear!

The beast is dead! It could not have been the beast of a God!
The horse is mortal ...and so are the men who ride it. Have no fear!
What a way to begin. We have lost their esteem.

BUT DE SOTO ARRANGED A MEETING BETWEEN THE INCA AND PIZARRO ON THE APPOINTED DAY..
We can take no chances with a scornful Inca. I will post men everywhere around the plaza, and at a given signal...

Where are these strangers? Why are they not here?
One approaches with native guide.

What is this book?
White man says it is word of the true God. If you do not listen to Great Chief Pizarro, you shall be persecuted with fire and sword!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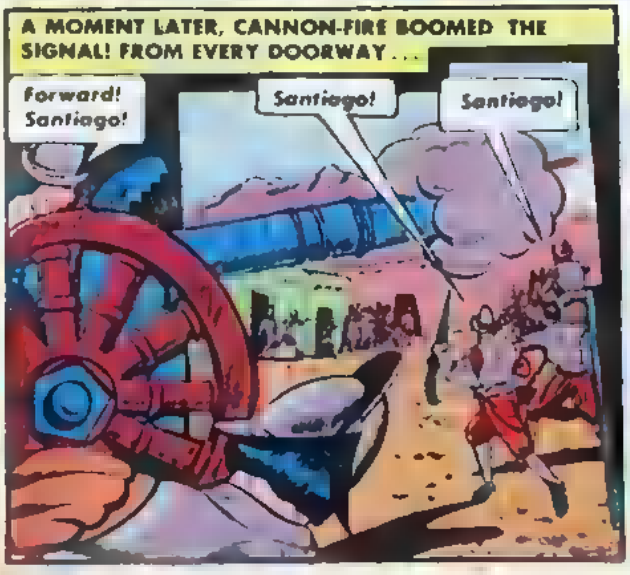
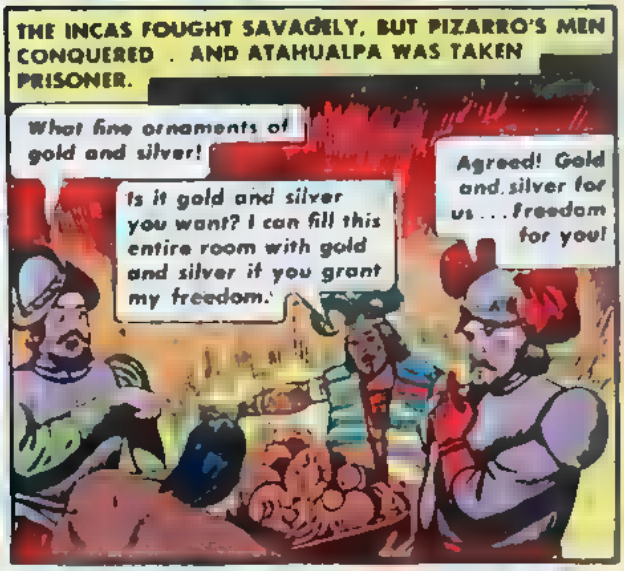
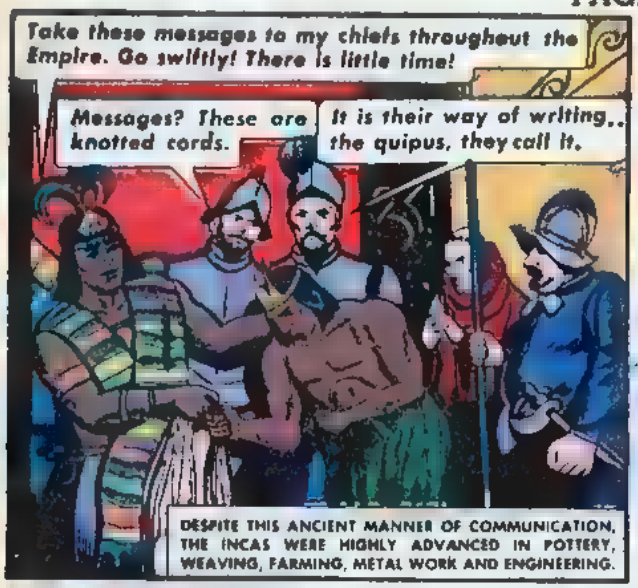
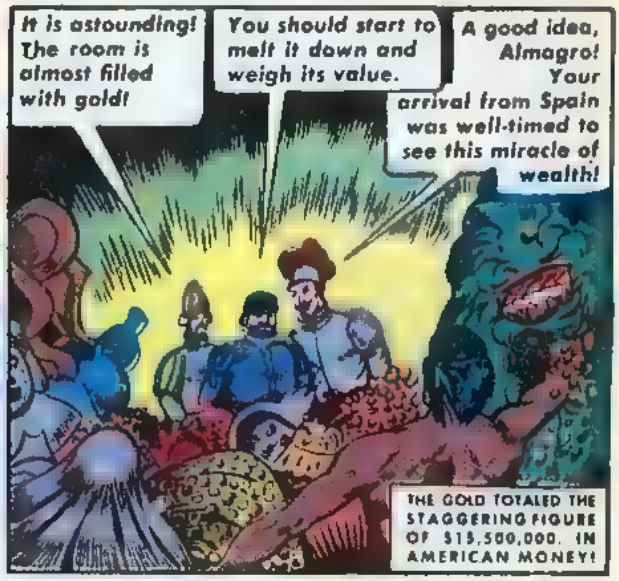
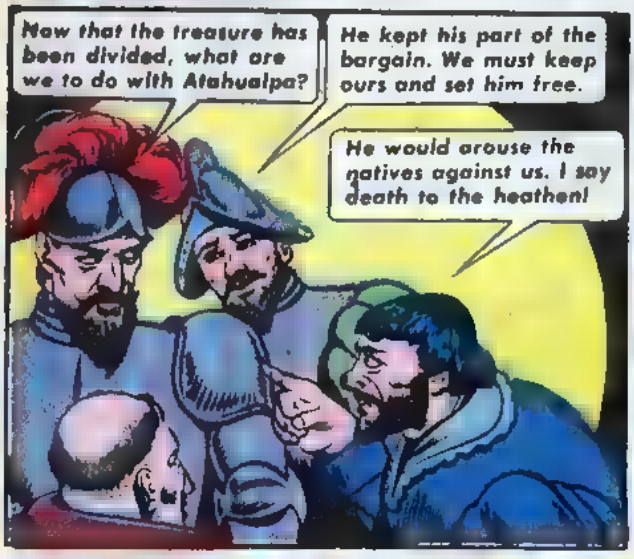
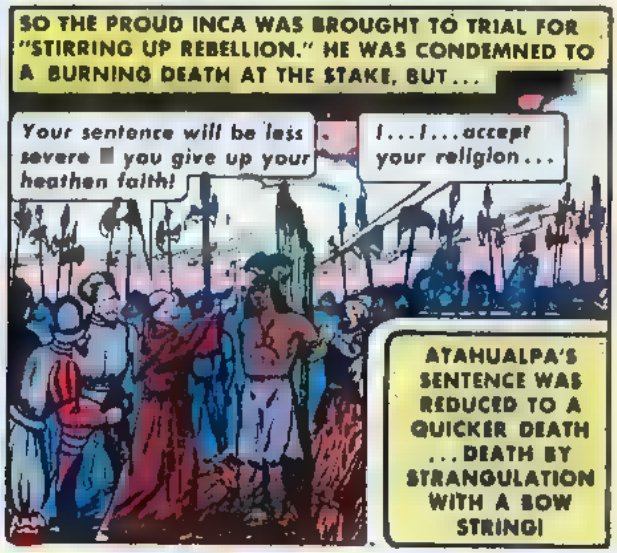

A MOMENT LATER, CANNON-FIRE BOOMED THE SIGNAL! FROM EVERY DOORWAY...
Forward! Santiago!
Santiago!
Santiago!

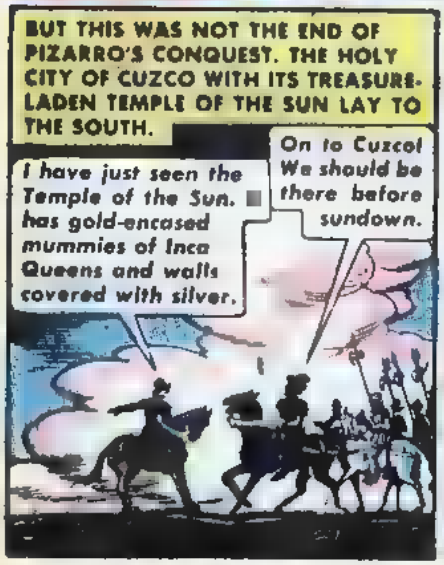

THE INCAS FOUGHT SAVAGELY, BUT PIZARRO'S MEN CONQUERED . AND ATAHUALPA WAS TAKEN PRISONER.
What fine ornaments of gold and silver!
Is it gold and silver you want? I can fill this entire room with gold and silver if you grant my freedom.
Agreed! Gold and silver for us... freedom for you!











THIS QUARREL CONTINUED FOR EIGHT YEARS. FINALLY, ALMAGRO WAS BEHEADED, BUT PIZARRO NEVER WAS SECURE IN HIS TRIUMPH. INTRIGUES WERE HATCHED AGAINST HIM. IN 1541, ENRAGED ALMAGRISTS BURST INTO PIZARRO'S HEADQUARTERS AT LIMA... AND HACKED HIM TO DEATH. THUS ENDED THE LIFE OF THE CONQUEROR OF PERU.

BUT CORTÉS, THE CONQUEROR OF MEXICO, LIVED ON UNTIL 1547 TO SEE THE WHOLE OF NEW SPAIN GROW IN POWER AND WEALTH.

BALBOA, CORTÉZ AND PIZARRO LIMITED THEIR CONQUESTS TO CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA . . . BUT JUAN PONCE DE LEÓN WAS THE FIRST OF THE SPANIARDS TO EXPLORE THE LAND NOW KNOWN AS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

AFTER PONCE, CAME VACA, DE SOTO, CORONADO AND MANY OTHERS.

IN 1512, PONCE DE LEÓN SAILED OUT FROM PUERTO RICO IN QUEST OF . . .

THE FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH! Oh, to find it and wash in its waters and be young again!

I could use a little myself, Ponce. Is this where the Indians said it would be?

It is Easter! What better name can we give to this beautiful region of flowers than . . . Páscua Florida?

Well said! La Florida!

PONCE SAILED ALONG THE WEST COAST OF FLORIDA TO PENSACOLA BAY, AND SOUTH AGAIN, ALWAYS ASKING THE SAME QUESTION . . .

Which direction shall we take to find the magic waters of the Fountain of Youth?

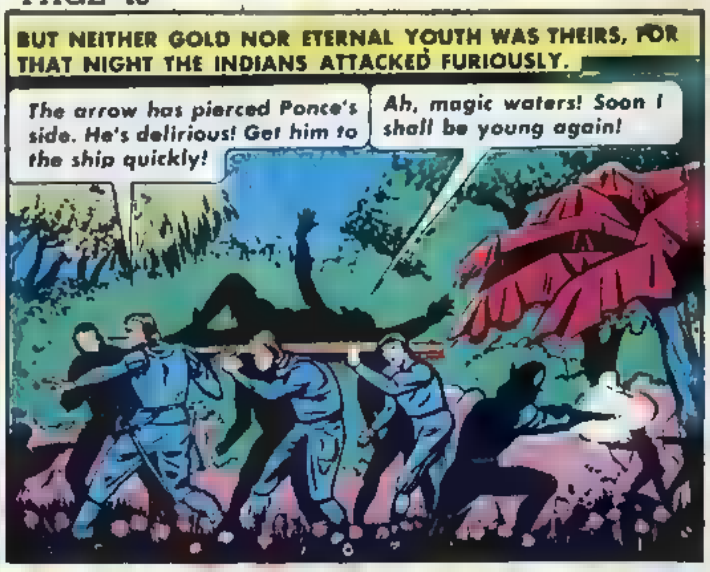
Waters? Cannot say . . . but there is much gold toward the setting sun.

Gold? Ah, that is even better! Let's . . . AGH . . .

THE NEXT MOMENT BEDLAM BROKE LOOSE!

I shall come back, you wild savages, and subdue you! I shall yet find the Fountain of Youth!

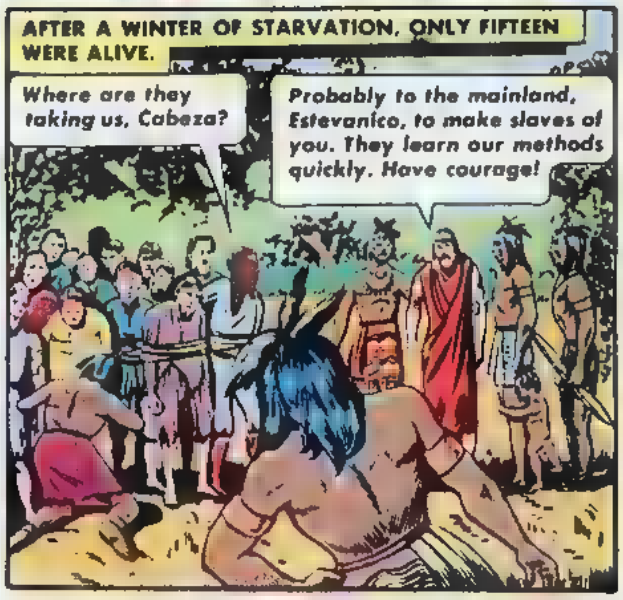
PONCE RETURNED TO SAN JUAN THROUGH A SHELTERED CHANNEL IN THE BAHAMAS, WHICH WAS USED THEREAFTER BY ALL THE SPANISH TREASURE SHIPS.

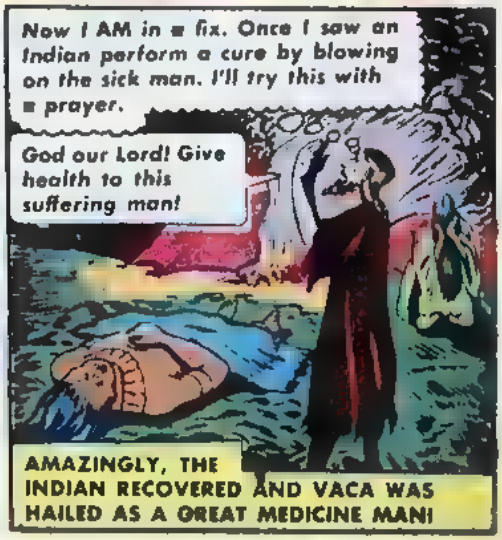


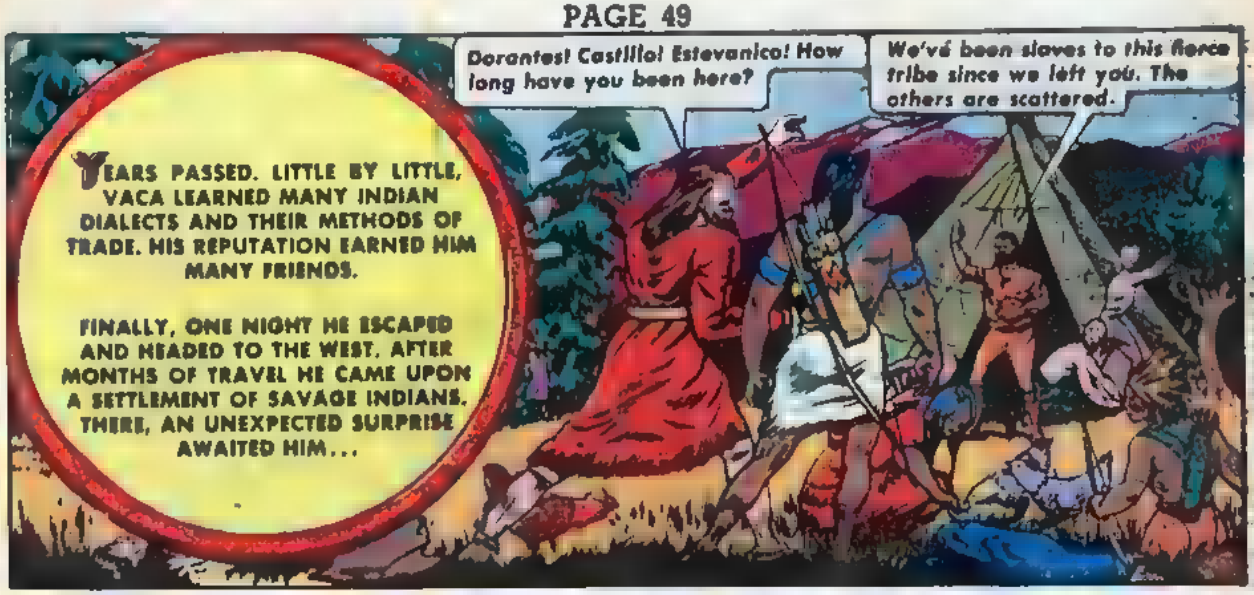
A FEW DAYS LATER, PONCE DE LEÓN DIED OF HIS WOUNDS, AND THE SEARCH FOR THE FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH WAS ENDED.

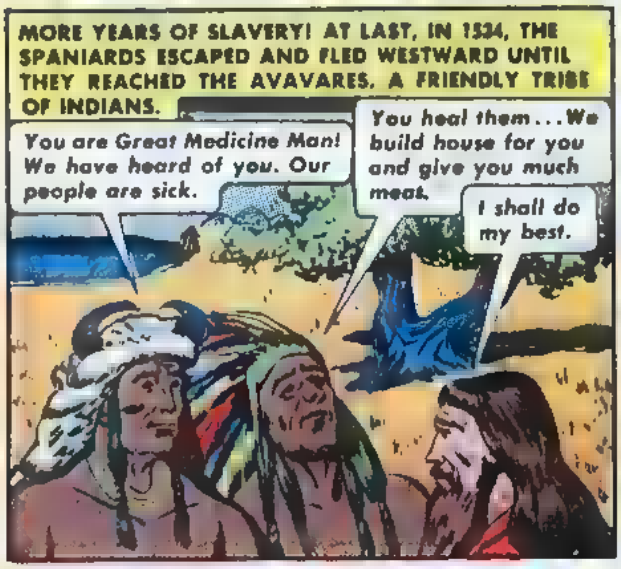
BUT OTHER SPANISH ADVENTURERS CAME TO FLORIDA WITH A FIERCE LUST FOR GOLD. THEIR CRUELTY TO THE INDIANS BROUGHT SAVAGERY IN RETURN. NATIVES IN LARGE NUMBERS WERE ENSLAVED AND SENT TO THE WEST INDIES.

ONE OF THE FEW SPANIARDS TO WIN THE FRIENDSHIP OF THE INDIANS WAS CABEZA DE VACA. WITH NARVÁEZ' EXPEDITION IN 1528, VACA STRUGGLED THROUGH THE FORESTS OF FLORIDA. IN MAKESHIFT BOATS THEY SAILED ACROSS THE GULF OF MEXICO TO THE ISLAND OF GALVESTON. OF THE ORIGINAL SIX HUNDRED IN NARVÁEZ' PARTY, ONLY EIGHTY REACHED GALVESTON.



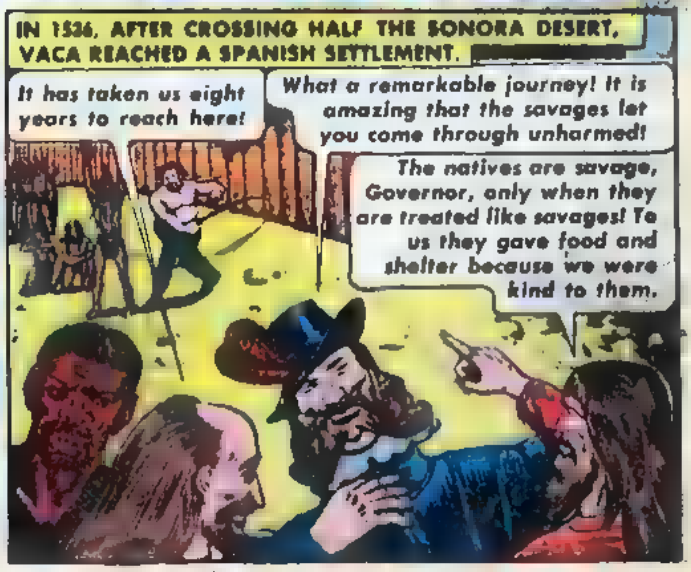



YEARS PASSED. LITTLE BY LITTLE, VACA LEARNED MANY INDIAN DIALECTS AND THEIR METHODS OF TRADE. HIS REPUTATION EARNED HIM MANY FRIENDS.
FINALLY, ONE NIGHT HE ESCAPED AND HEADED TO THE WEST. AFTER MONTHS OF TRAVEL HE CAME UPON A SETTLEMENT OF SAVAGE INDIANS. THERE, AN UNEXPECTED SURPRISE AWAITED HIM...
Dorantes! Castillo! Estevanico! How long have you been here?
We've been slaves to this fierce tribe since we left you. The others are scattered.


MORE YEARS OF SLAVERY! AT LAST, IN 1534, THE SPANIARDS ESCAPED AND FLED WESTWARD UNTIL THEY REACHED THE AVAVARES, A FRIENDLY TRIBE OF INDIANS.
You are Great Medicine Man! We have heard of you. Our people are sick.
You heal them...We build house for you and give you much meat.
I shall do my best.

IN THE SPRING THEY TRAVELLED ON AND ENTERED THE REGION OF THE KINDLY ARBADAOS WHO DWELT NEAR THE RIO GRANDE.
Great Medicine Man!
This country is all sand with little food!
Don't worry! Our "Miracle Man's" reputation will get us fed!

ACROSS TO MEXICO THEY JOURNEYED, FROM TRIBE TO TRIBE.
Heal me!
Their faith in me feeds us, but it hinders our progress.
Cure me! I give you meat!


IN 1536, AFTER CROSSING HALF THE SONORA DESERT, VACA REACHED A SPANISH SETTLEMENT.
It has taken us eight years to reach here!
What a remarkable journey! It is amazing that the savages let you come through unharmed!
The natives are savage, Governor, only when they are treated like savages! To us they gave food and shelter because we were kind to them.

VACA WENT ON TO MEXICO CITY, AND HOME TO SPAIN. IN THE COURT OF CHARLES V, HE DESCRIBED HIS 3,000 MILE JOURNEY TO EAGER LISTENERS. AMONG THESE WAS HERNANDO DE SOTO, RECENTLY RETURNED FROM PIZARRO'S EXPEDITION IN PERU WITH A FORTUNE IN GOLD.

IN 1538, AS THE NEWLY-APPOINTED GOVERNOR OF FLORIDA, DE SOTO STARTED FOR THE NEW WORLD WITH THE HOPE OF FINDING ANOTHER EMPIRE LIKE PERU.

NEAR TAMPA BAY, DE SOTO SET UP HEADQUARTERS AND SENT OUT EXPLORING PARTIES.

So you are one of Narváez' men! And these Indians enslaved you? Have you seen any signs of gold here, Ortiz?

No, your Excellency, but the Indians speak of a rich village called Cale, thirty leagues from here. I'll be glad to go as your interpreter.

THE MARCH TO CALE WAS A SUCCESSION OF INDIAN SKIRMISHES. AT LAST, ACROSS THE SUWANEE RIVER, THEY REACHED THEIR GOAL.

Not a speck of gold! The only thing yellow is the acres of maize.

At least that will give us food for a while. We'll husk it and bake bread. Then we'll ride on!

NORTH THROUGH COUNTRY NOW KNOWN AS GEORGIA AND CAROLINA, AND WEST ACROSS TENNESSEE, THE PROCESSION MARCHED, ACQUIRING INDIAN SLAVES AND PEARLS . . . AND THEN SOUTH AGAIN TO MOBILE, ALABAMA.

It is wise to stay away from this village, Excellency. The Creek Indians have been fighting us every step of the way. The sight of these slaves will enrage them!

We fear no one, Ortiz! We need food. We'll ride inside as their friends.

BUT THE SPANIARDS' "FRIENDSHIP" DID NOT DECEIVE THE INDIANS FOR LONG. ONE NIGHT . . .

They've captured our provisions and pearls!

. . . And freed our slaves!

We'll counter-attack, set the town on fire and force their surrender!

Don't let them escape! Drive them back to town! SANTIAGO!

SANTIAGO!

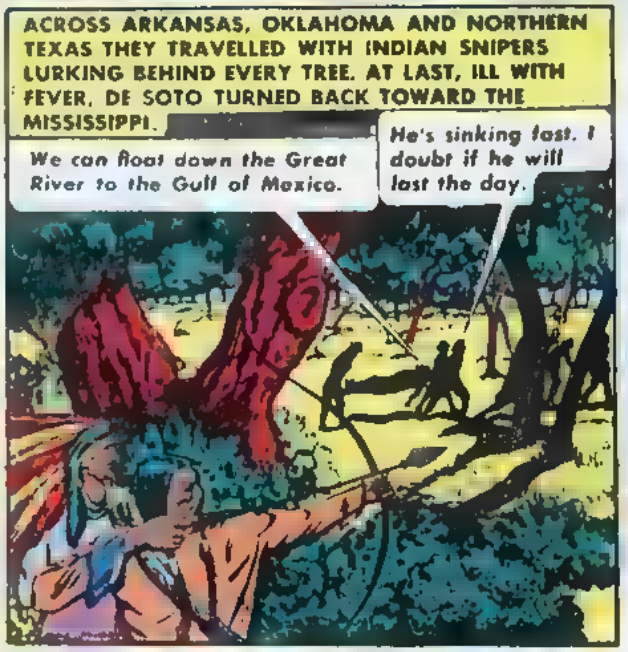
SANTIAGO!

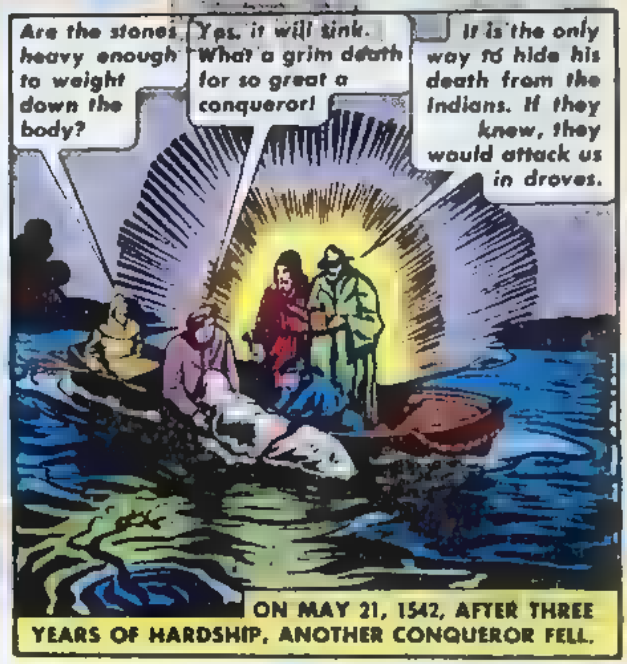
FIGHT AND FIRE RAGED. BY MORNING, THE FOE WAS VANQUISHED, BUT HALF THE SPANIARDS WERE DEAD, AND MOST OF THE OTHERS, INCLUDING DE SOTO, WERE WOUNDED. THE VILLAGE OF EMBERS WAS TURNED INTO A HOSPITAL.

AFTER A MONTH'S REST, THE MARCH WAS RESUMED BY A FORLORN ARMY HELD TOGETHER BY DE SOTO'S VISION OF AN EMPIRE OF GOLD.

NORTHWEST THROUGH MISSISSIPPI THEY RODE TO A MIGHTY RIVER. IT WAS EARLY IN MAY, 1541.

ACROSS ARKANSAS, OKLAHOMA AND NORTHERN TEXAS THEY TRAVELLED WITH INDIAN SNIPERS LURKING BEHIND EVERY TREE. AT LAST, ILL WITH FEVER, DE SOTO TURNED BACK TOWARD THE MISSISSIPPI.

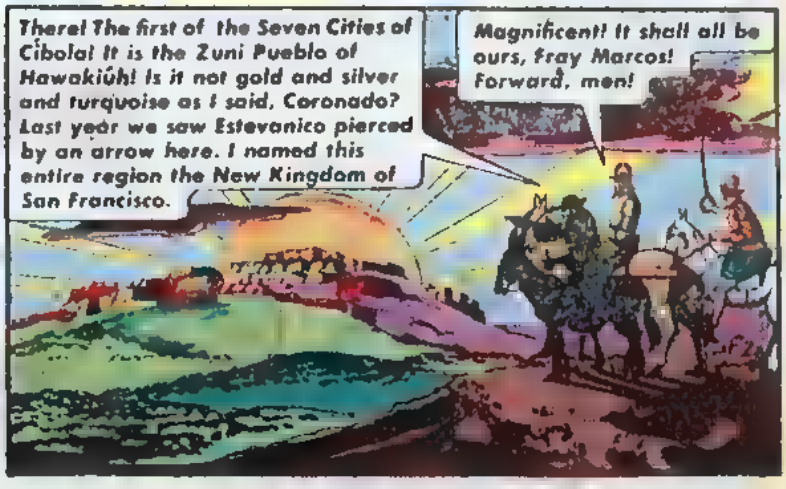


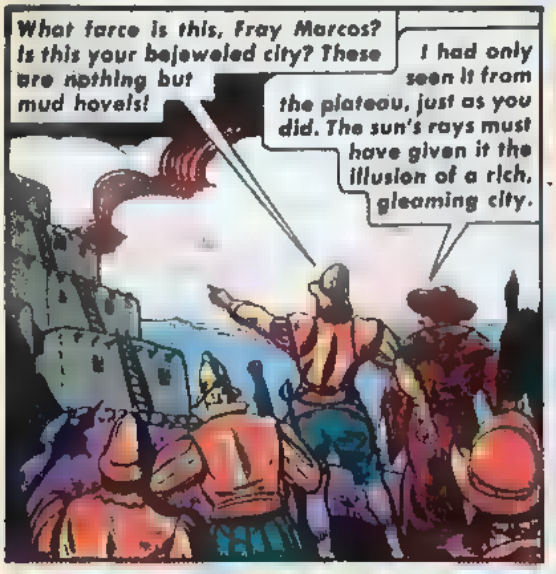


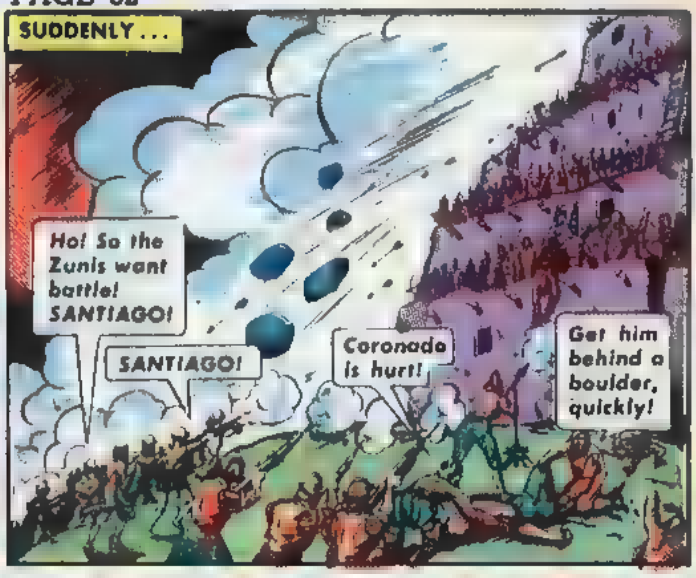
ON MAY 21, 1542, AFTER THREE YEARS OF HARDSHIP, ANOTHER CONQUEROR FELL.

WHILE DE SOTO WAS MARCHING ACROSS THE SOUTHEASTERN STATES, FRANCISCO VÁSQUEZ DE CORONADO, GOVERNOR OF THE MEXICAN FRONTIER, WAS COVERING THE SOUTHWESTERN STATES WITH FRAY MARCOS DE NIZA, A FRANCISCAN MONK WHO SOUGHT THE FABULOUS "SEVEN CITIES OF CÍBOLA."

THE EXPEDITION JOURNEYED NORTH ALONG THE SAN PEDRO VALLEY, ACROSS THE ZUNI RIVER TO A PLATEAU FROM WHICH THEY SAW...




What farce is this, Fray Marcos? Is this your bejeweled city? These are nothing but mud hovels!
I had only seen it from the plateau, just as you did. The sun's rays must have given it the illusion of a rich, gleaming city.


SUDDENLY . . .
Ho! So the Zunis want battle! SANTIAGO!
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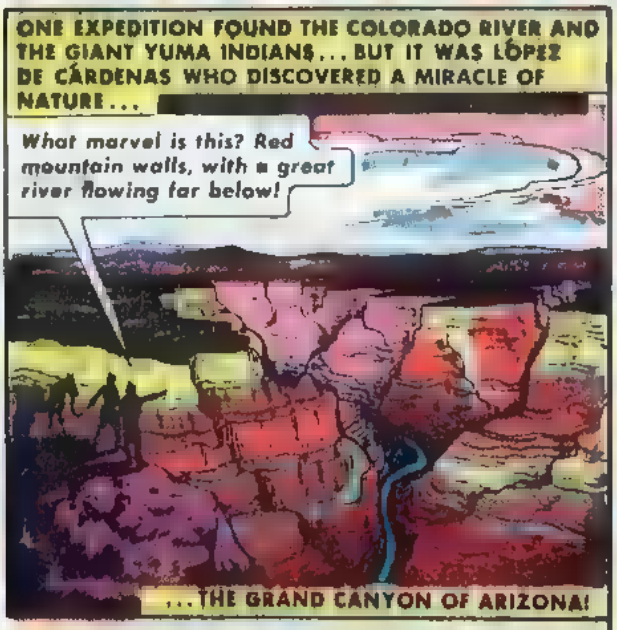
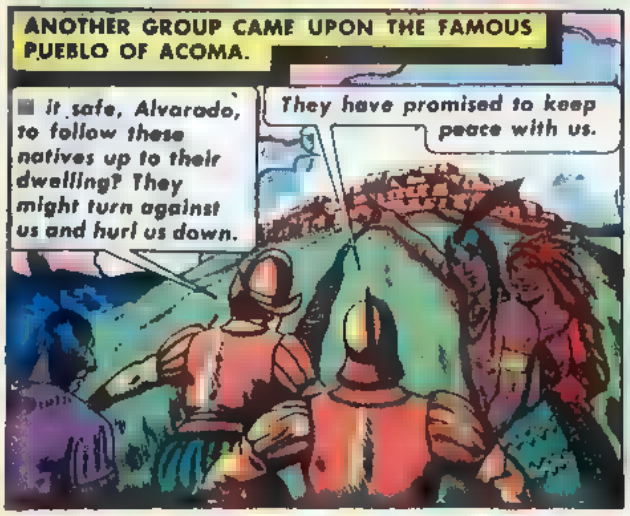
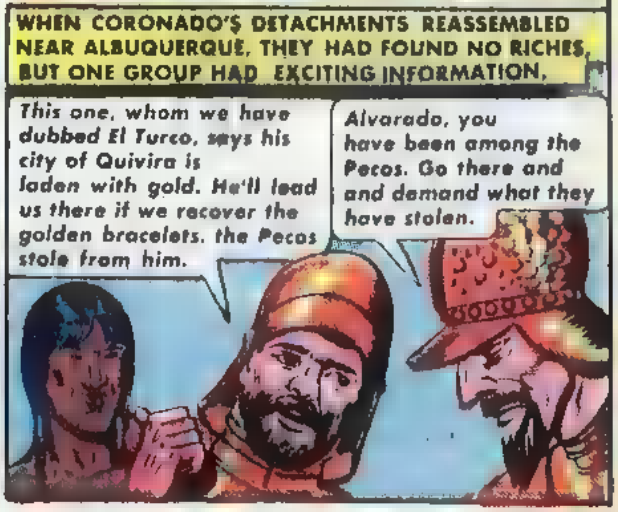
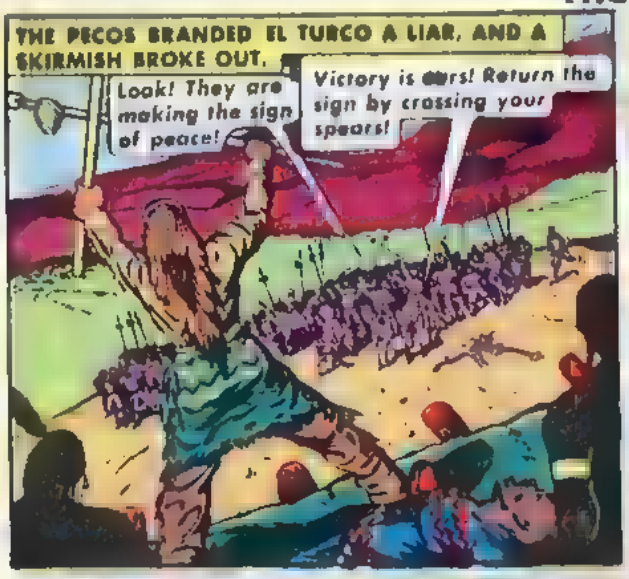
Coronado is hurt!
Get him behind a boulder, quickly!

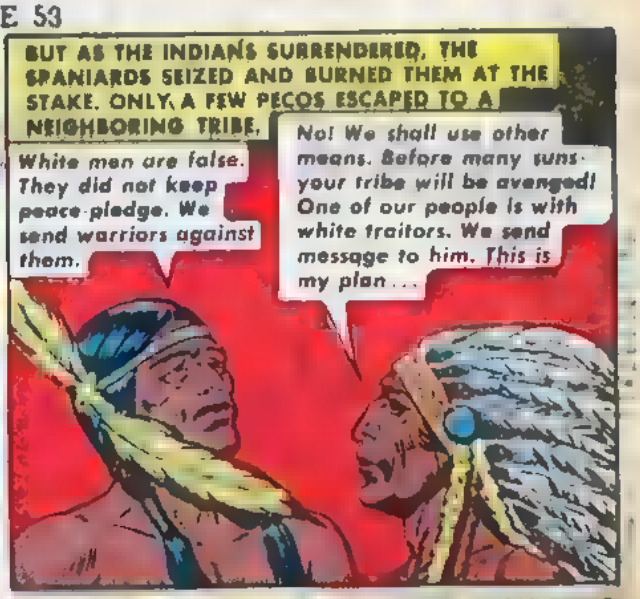
CORONADO REVIVED QUICKLY AND AGAIN LED THE BATTLE. HIAWAKÚH WAS TAKEN AND THE SPANIARDS MARCHED ON NEIGHBORING PROVINCES, PILLAGING AND ENSLAVING.
We take village after village, but still no treasure! I'd like to lay my hands on that lying Fray Marcos. Where is he?
I sent him back to Mexico, Alvarado, so no harm would come to him. He meant well. Besides, this land may still yield riches. Our captives speak of treasure cities to the north. I'll send out exploring parties.

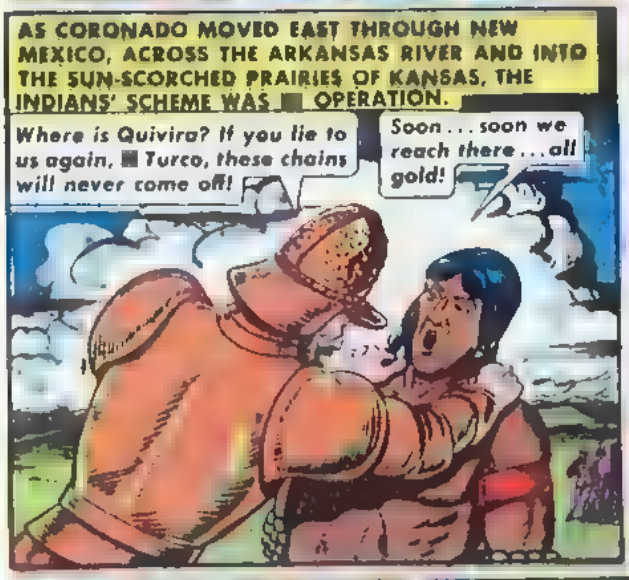

ONE EXPEDITION FOUND THE COLORADO RIVER AND THE GIANT YUMA INDIANS . . . BUT IT WAS LÓPEZ DE CÁRDENAS WHO DISCOVERED A MIRACLE OF NATURE . . .
What marvel is this? Red mountain walls, with a great river flowing far below!
. . . THE GRAND CANYON OF ARIZONA!

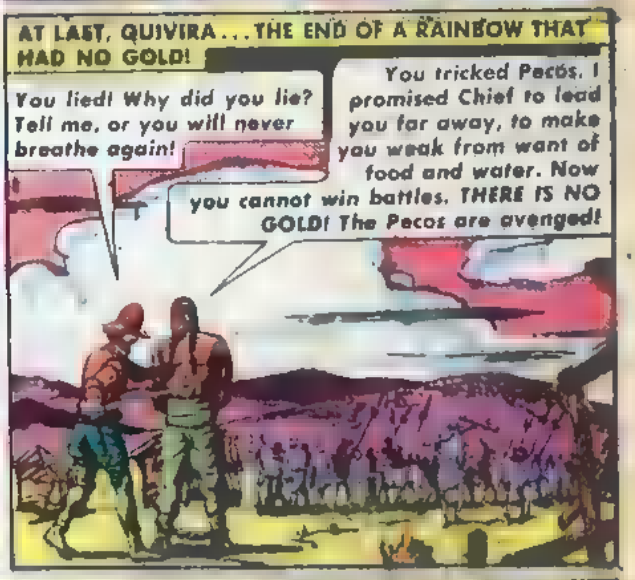

ANOTHER GROUP CAME UPON THE FAMOUS PUEBLO OF ACOMA.
Is it safe, Alvarado, to follow these natives up to their dwelling? They might turn against us and hurl us down.
They have promised to keep peace with us.

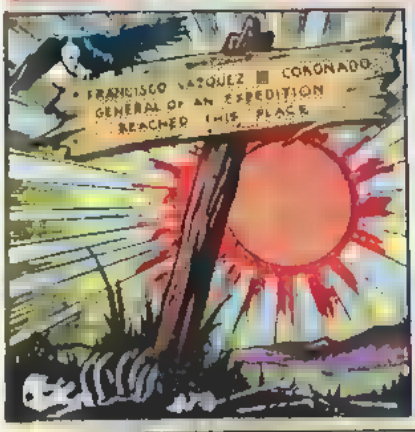

WHEN CORONADO'S DETACHMENTS REASSEMBLED NEAR ALBUQUERQUE, THEY HAD FOUND NO RICHES, BUT ONE GROUP HAD EXCITING INFORMATION.
This one, whom we have dubbed El Turco, says his city of Quivira is laden with gold. He'll lead us there if we recover the golden bracelets. the Pecos stole from him.
Alvarado, you have been among the Pecos. Go there and and demand what they have stolen.











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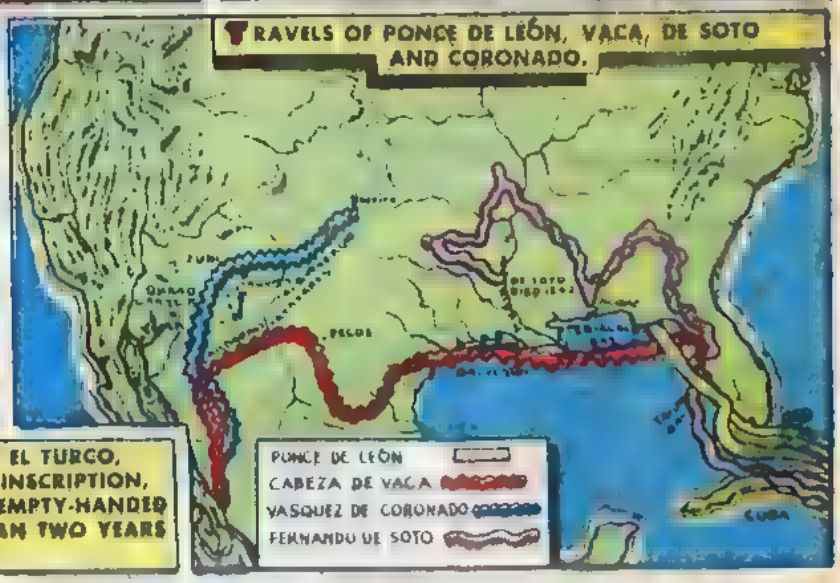

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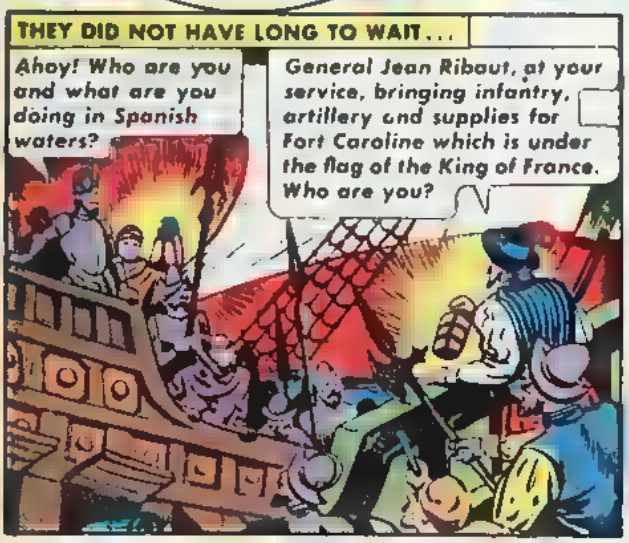

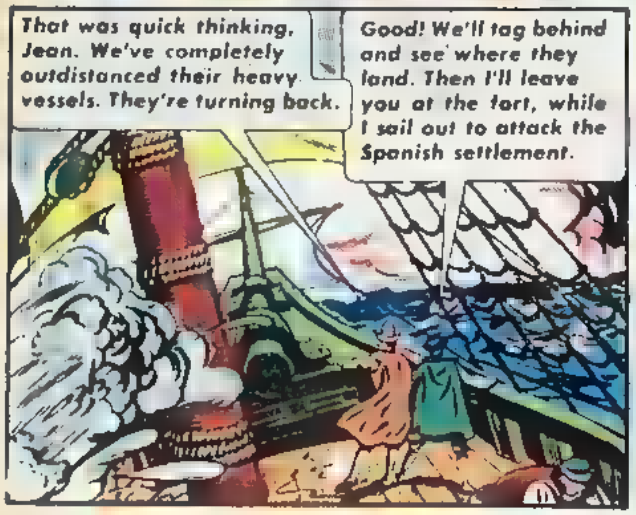

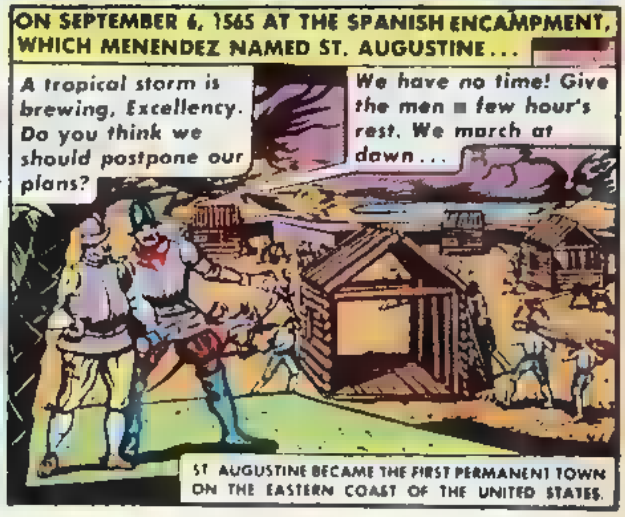

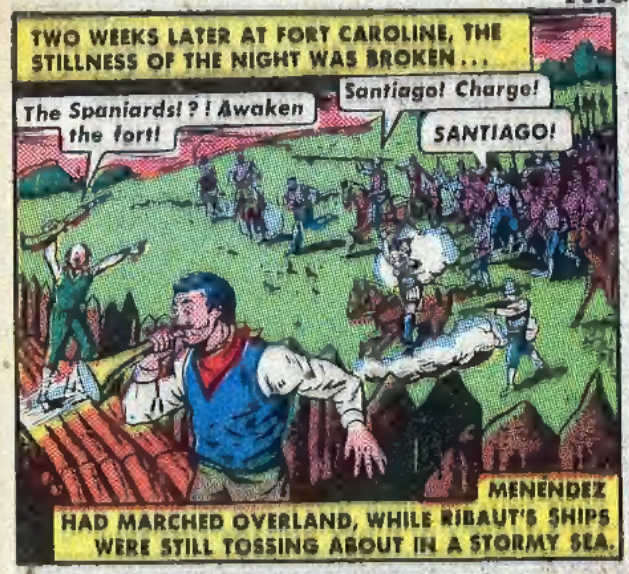

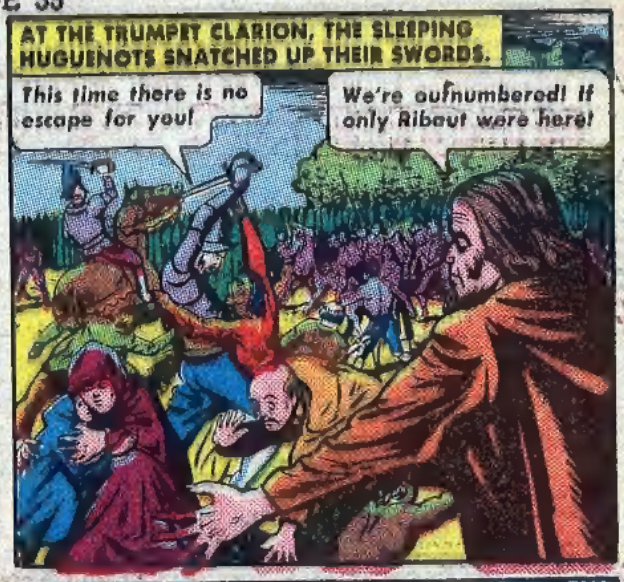

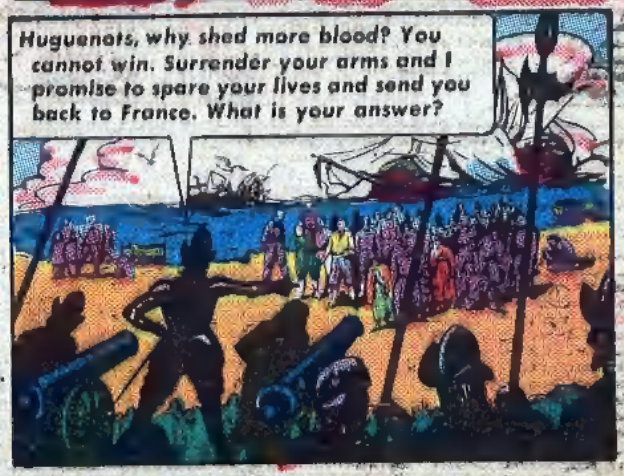

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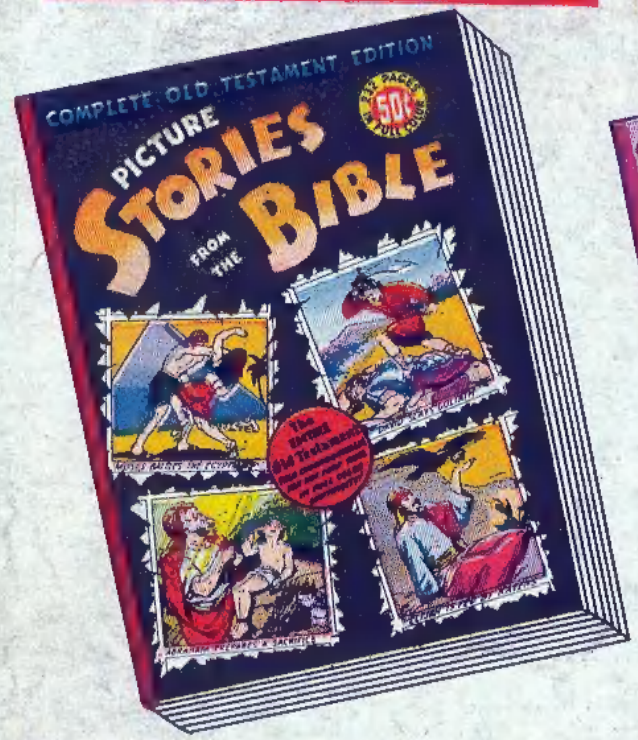

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